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2020年――学生達による反政府運動が再び活発となっている時代。
非凡な舞踊センスをもって武蔵野文芸大学に入学した少女・尾形琳は、
人を模した二輪車ロボット・RIDEBACKと出会う。
琳がその"鉄馬"に搭乗した瞬間、
世界の運命が未知の方向へと疾走を始めた……！
混沌の時代を反映する、衝撃的ロボットアクションコミック!!

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番外編　ひしだ君劇場2

——やっぱり場所を変えて我が家へ行きましょう。

築20年のアパラ屋ですが、まーどーぞ

部室はおちつかないからね！

ゴラちゃぁ!!

えっへん！オレの部屋！

わりと片付いてる？

さてさてでわ早速…

ちなみにあたしは母の夏江でっす。

どっこいしょっ

おほほっ

わたしは父の冬男！

天下御免の地方公務員だ！

おっほん！

オレは兄の秋彦！

ジャージがオレの戦闘服

高校の教師してまっす！

専門は地学

正座。

……

…実は今、片思い中なんす。相手は美術科の内田あゆみ先生…

まぁひしだ先生ったら～♡

嗚呼～～この せつない恋心～～

念のため

あたしたち、本編のストーリーにはまったく関係ありませ——ん。

はずかしながら

いやぁ～ど～も

だったら出てこないでよし！

ガ！

おわり

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【RIDE BACK】… 物語に登場するマシンの呼称のみならず、別の意味も含んでいます。

The name of the machine that appears in this manga does not have an ulterior meaning.

――― カサハラテツロー
Kasahara Tetsuroh



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September 11th, 2001: A girl is born to the Ogata Family

She is given the name, "Rin."



September 2004:

Rin enters the Ogata Dance School for Children.



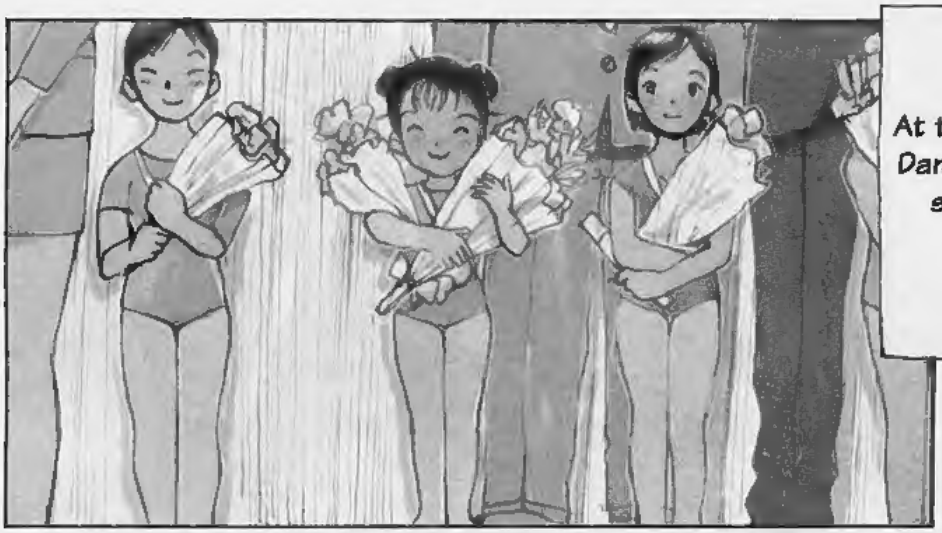
January 2002:

Her grandmother (father's side), Itou Miyuki, divorces and moves to Tokyo.

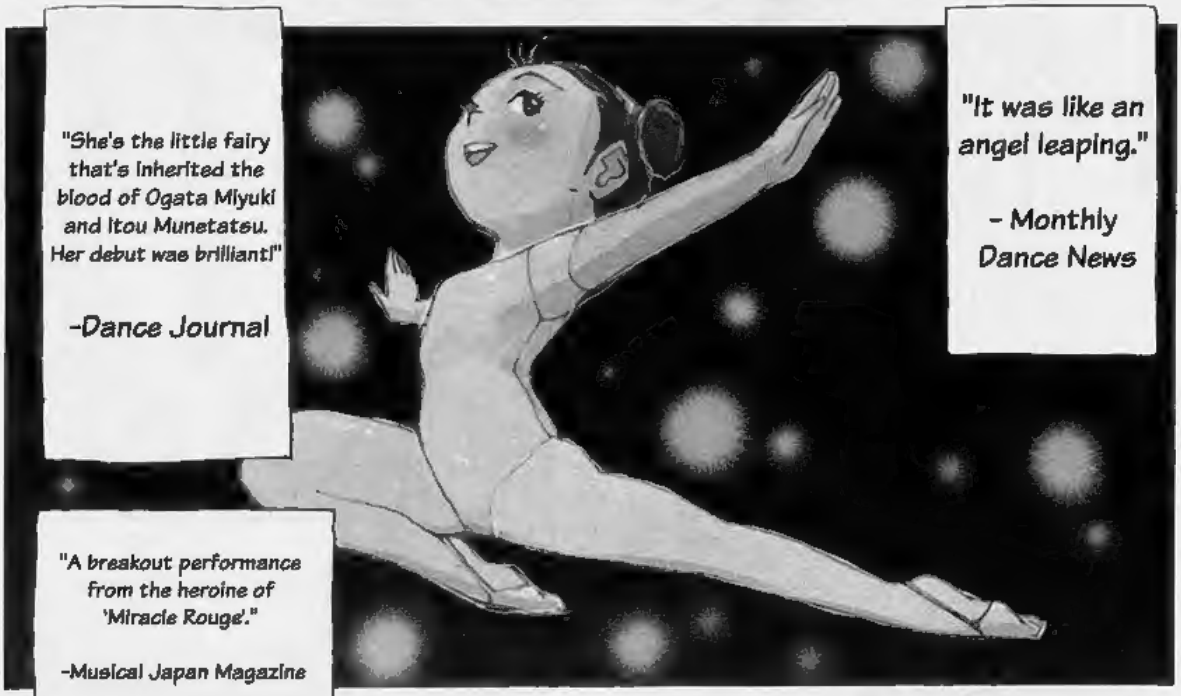


April 25th, 2003:

Her younger brother, Kenji, is born.



At the 35th Modern Dance Competition, she's awarded top honors.



"She's the little fairy that's inherited the blood of Ogata Miyuki and Itou Munetatsu. Her debut was brilliant!"

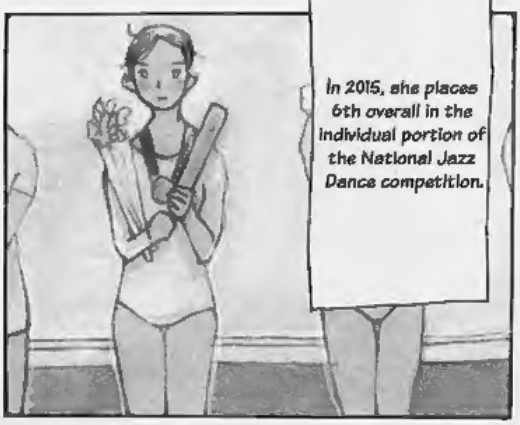
-Dance Journal

"It was like an angel leaping."

- Monthly Dance News

"A breakout performance from the heroine of 'Miracle Rouge'."

-Musical Japan Magazine



In 2015, she places 6th overall in the individual portion of the National Jazz Dance competition.



In 2014, she loses her mother, Ogata Miyuki, in an earthquake.

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In 2016, she begins studying under Kanou Houga, an instructor in the dance school at Musashino University for the Arts.



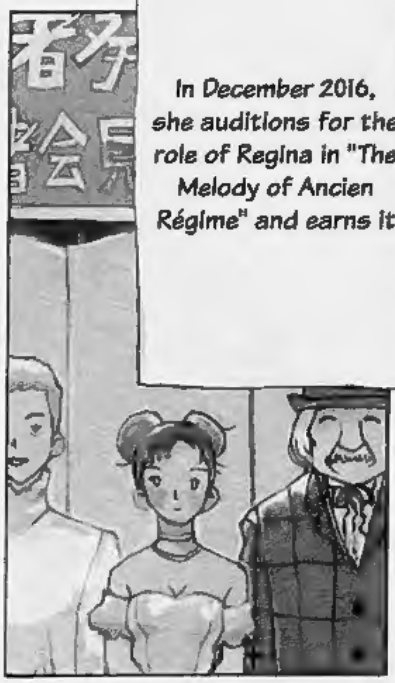
Her father, Itou Munetatsu, goes to America for a stage production.



In March 2017, she breaks her left leg during a lesson. She loses the role of Regina "The Melody of Ancien Régime."



In December 2016, she auditions for the role of Regina in "The Melody of Ancien Régime" and earns it.



April 2020:

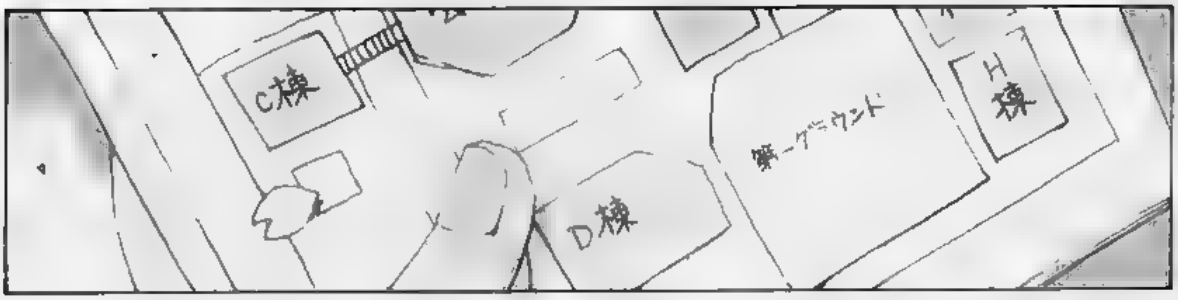
Ogata Rin enters Musashino University for the Arts.



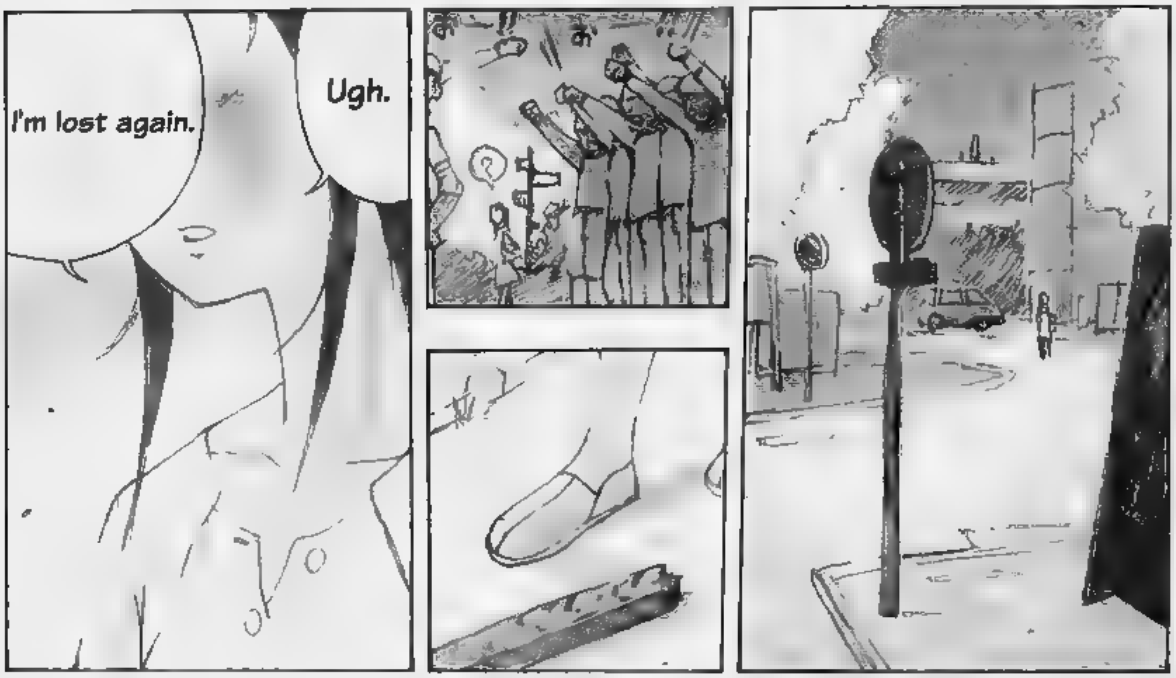
Memory of Motion

第1話　躍動の記憶



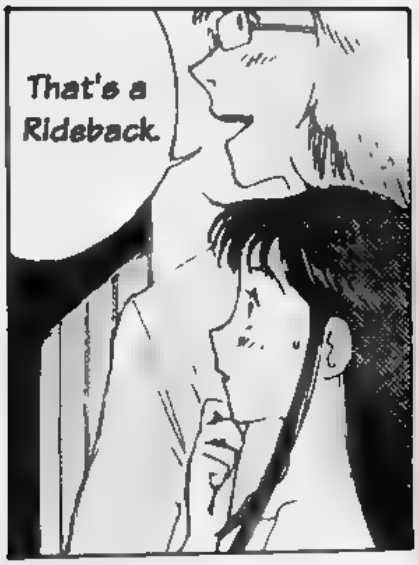


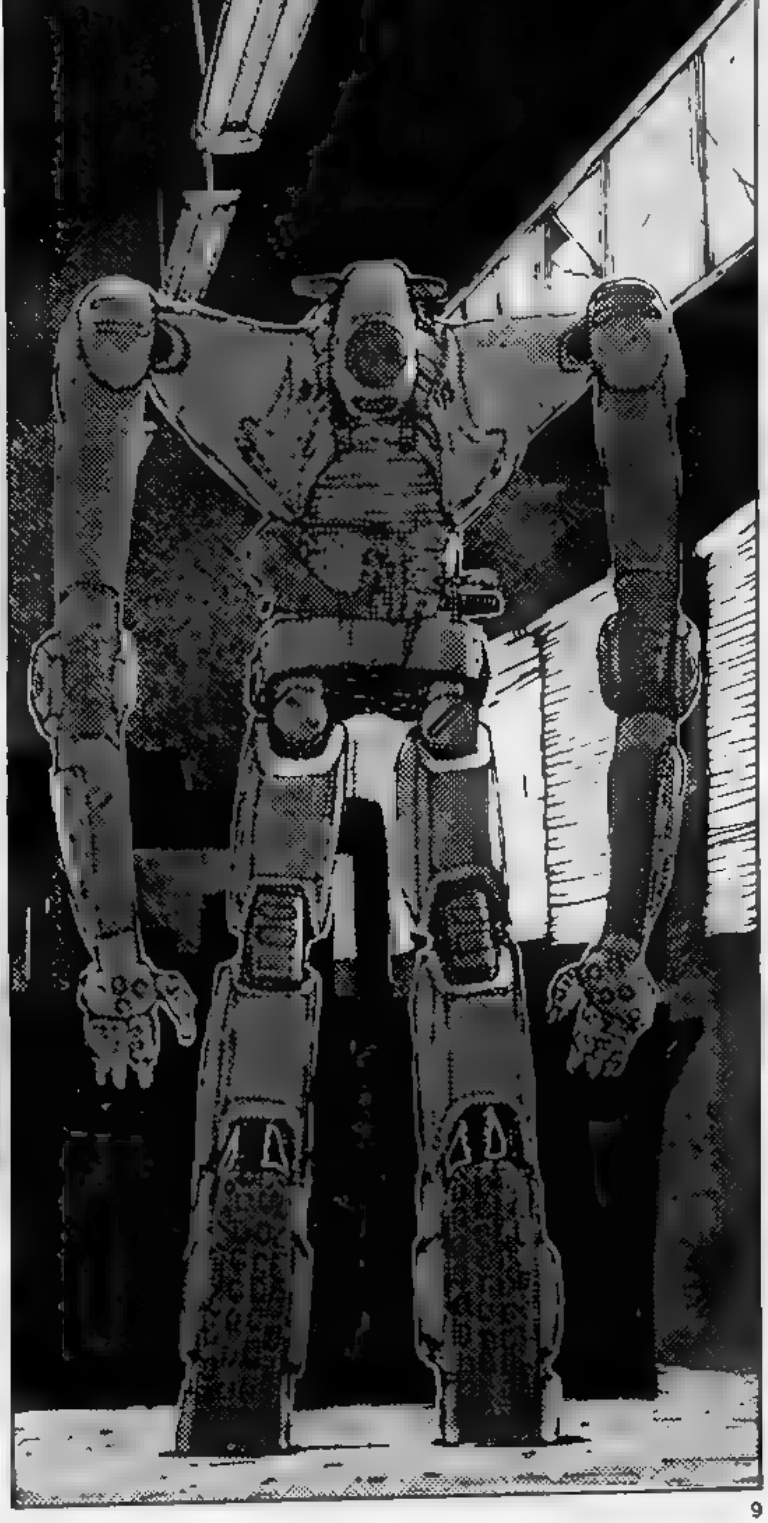
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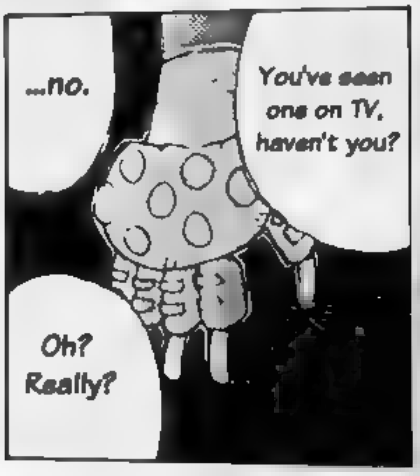


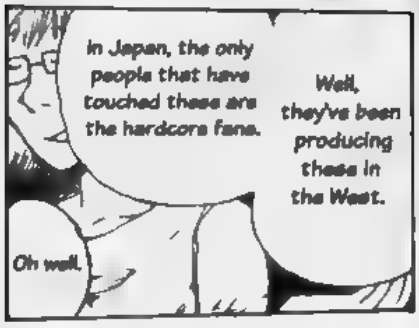

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Oh well.
I guess I'll ask someone.
Umm...
Excuse me.
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Whoa.
It smells.
You a new student!?
Did you want to join!?
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Welcome to the Rideback Club!
Yay! A girl! And one that's lady-like to boot!
I just uh...
No!
You reek of oil...
You're wrong! Please don't get near me!
I didn't think such a cute girl like you would come here.


That's a Rideback.

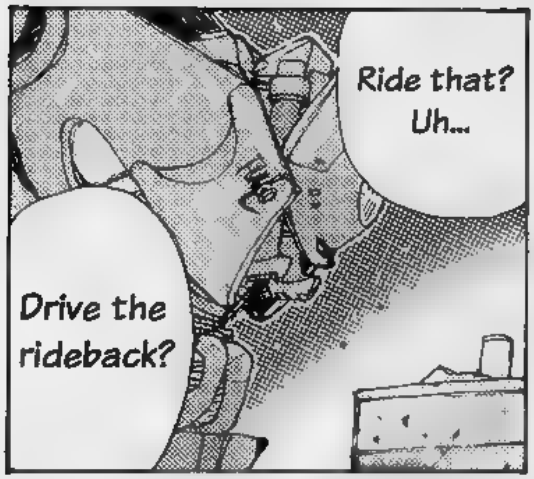



...no.
You've seen one on TV, haven't you?
Oh? Really?


In Japan, the only people that have touched these are the hardcore fans.
Well, they've been producing these in the West.
Oh well.

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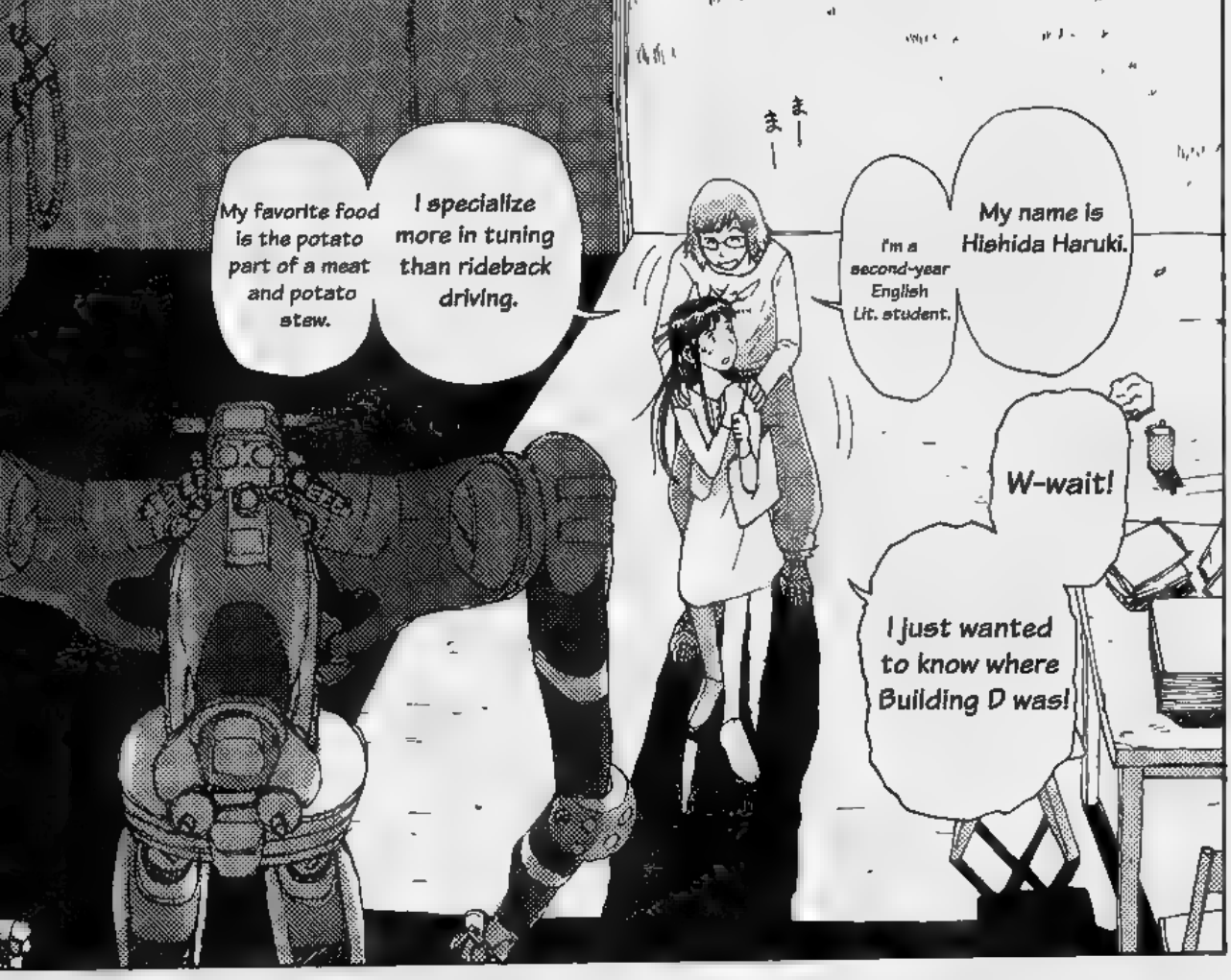

Ouch, quite harsh, aren't ya?
I can definitely see that you're a hardcore fan.


Ride that? Uh...
Drive the rideback?


What?
Oh yeah! How about taking it for a spin?

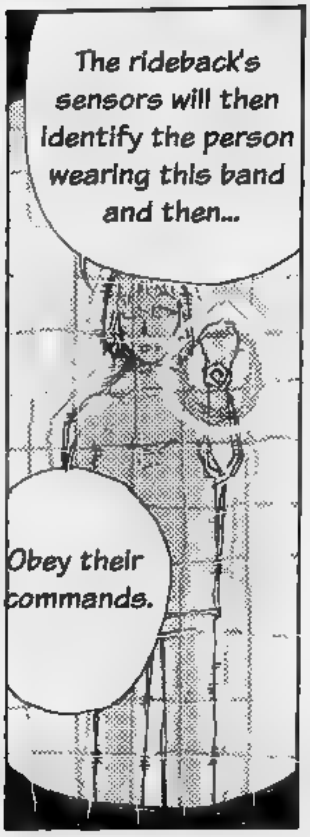

Oh, I haven't asked what your name is yet.
But I...
Of course.

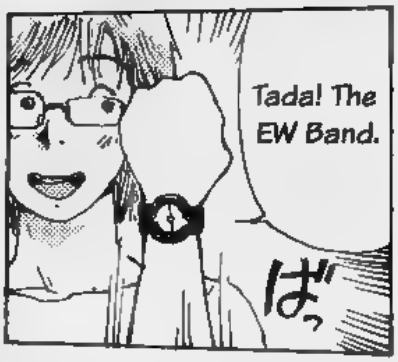

Rin, eh? What a nice name!
Ohgahta...um, I'm Ogata Rin.
I'm...


My favorite food is the potato part of a meat and potato stew.
I specialize more in tuning than rideback driving.
I'm a second-year English Lit. student.
My name is Hishida Haruki.
W-wait!
I just wanted to know where Building D was!

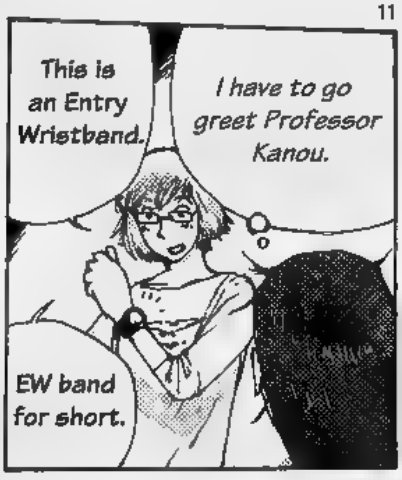

Fuego! Sit!

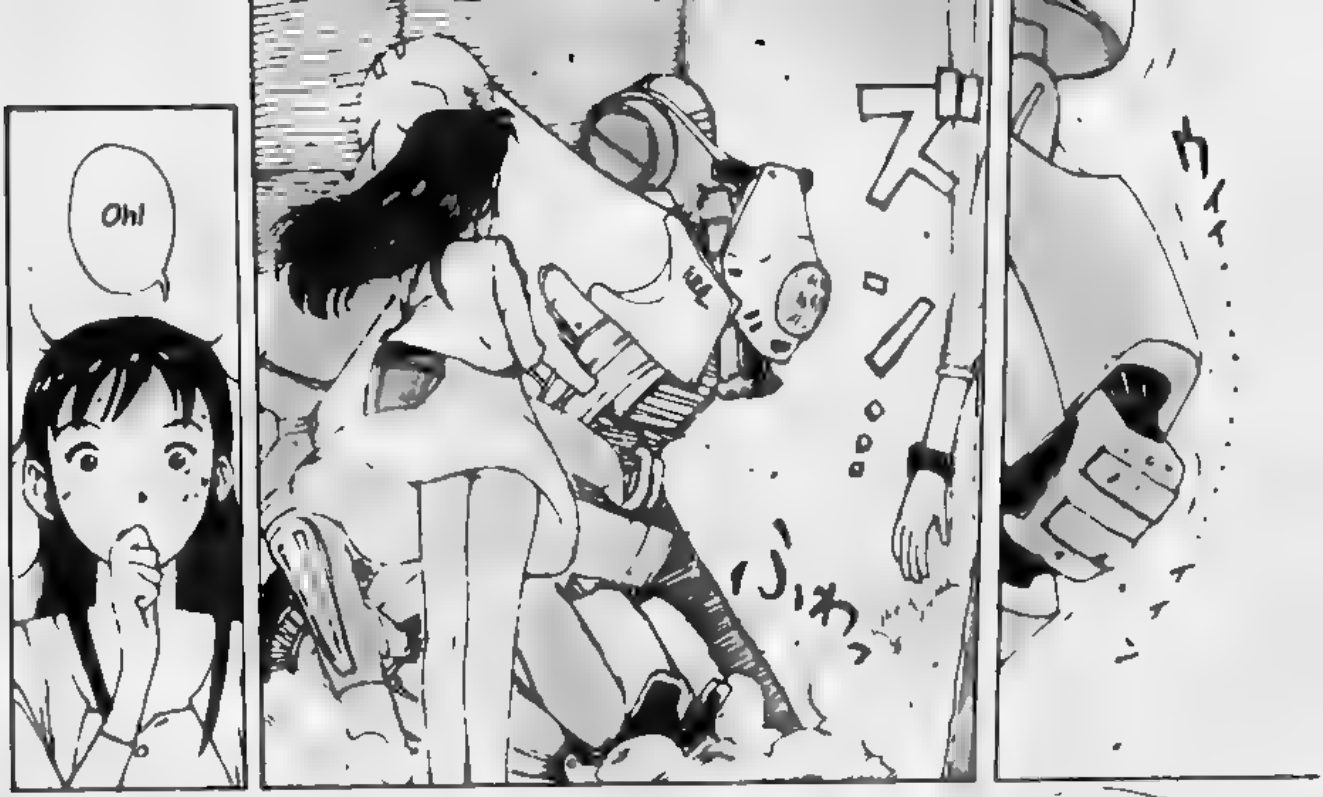

Beep
Thwi Thwi


The rideback's sensors will then identify the person wearing this band and then...
Obey their commands.


Tada! The EW Band.
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This is an Entry Wristband.
I have to go greet Professor Kanou.
EW band for short.


Oh!


"Fuego" means fire in Spanish.
This is the Teryan Kaduro Mountain Trail RB, a 350cc class "Fuego Type L."


Turn around and then put your feet on the step...
Here's a tip since you're a beginner.


Ah...
I'll just drive this and then get out of here.


Uh, sure...
Well, anyway.
Here's the EW band.
I'll take your bag for you.

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...oh!


Wi-will this do?
Cut the crap!
Nimble, aren't you?
Aha!



※BMA－Borderless Military Alliance(国境なき軍事同盟)









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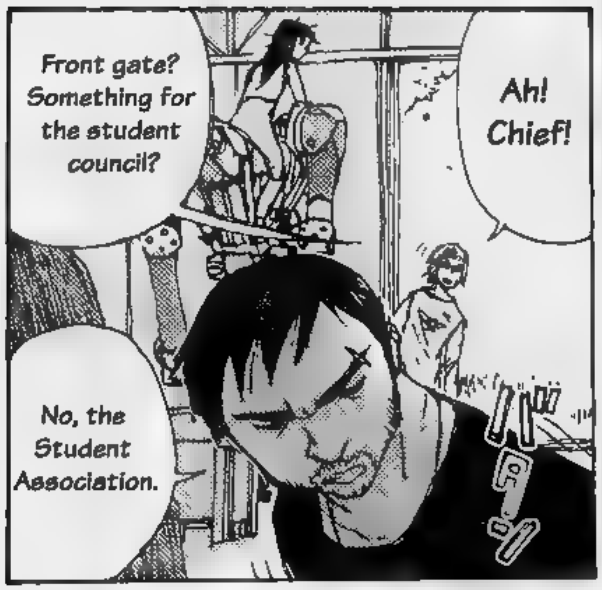




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This feeling...

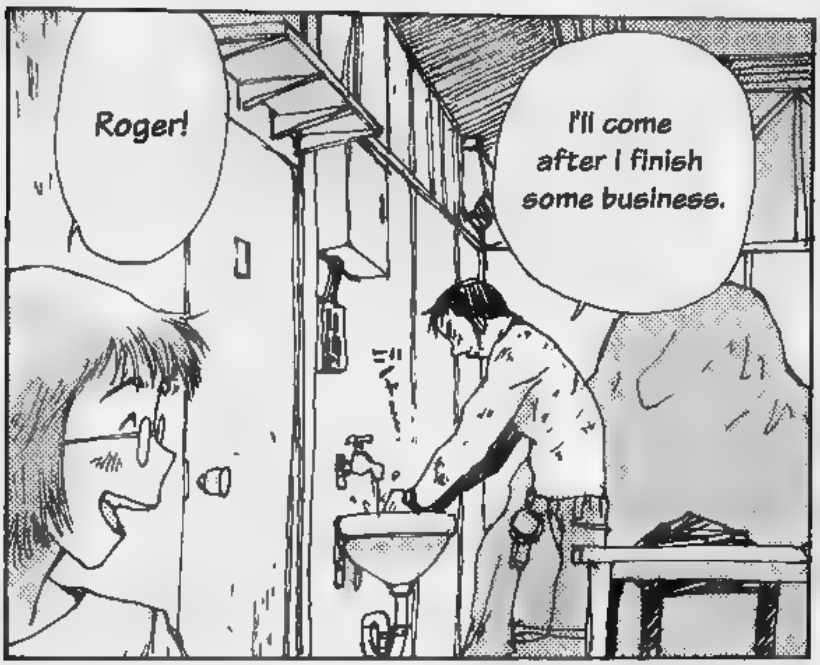

So,
How's riding on ite back?
I looked down and...
I saw my mother's smile.
Nothing...
Ouch, really harsh, eh?
Hey, Hishida!


Front gate? Something for the student council?
Ah! Chief!
No, the Student Association.


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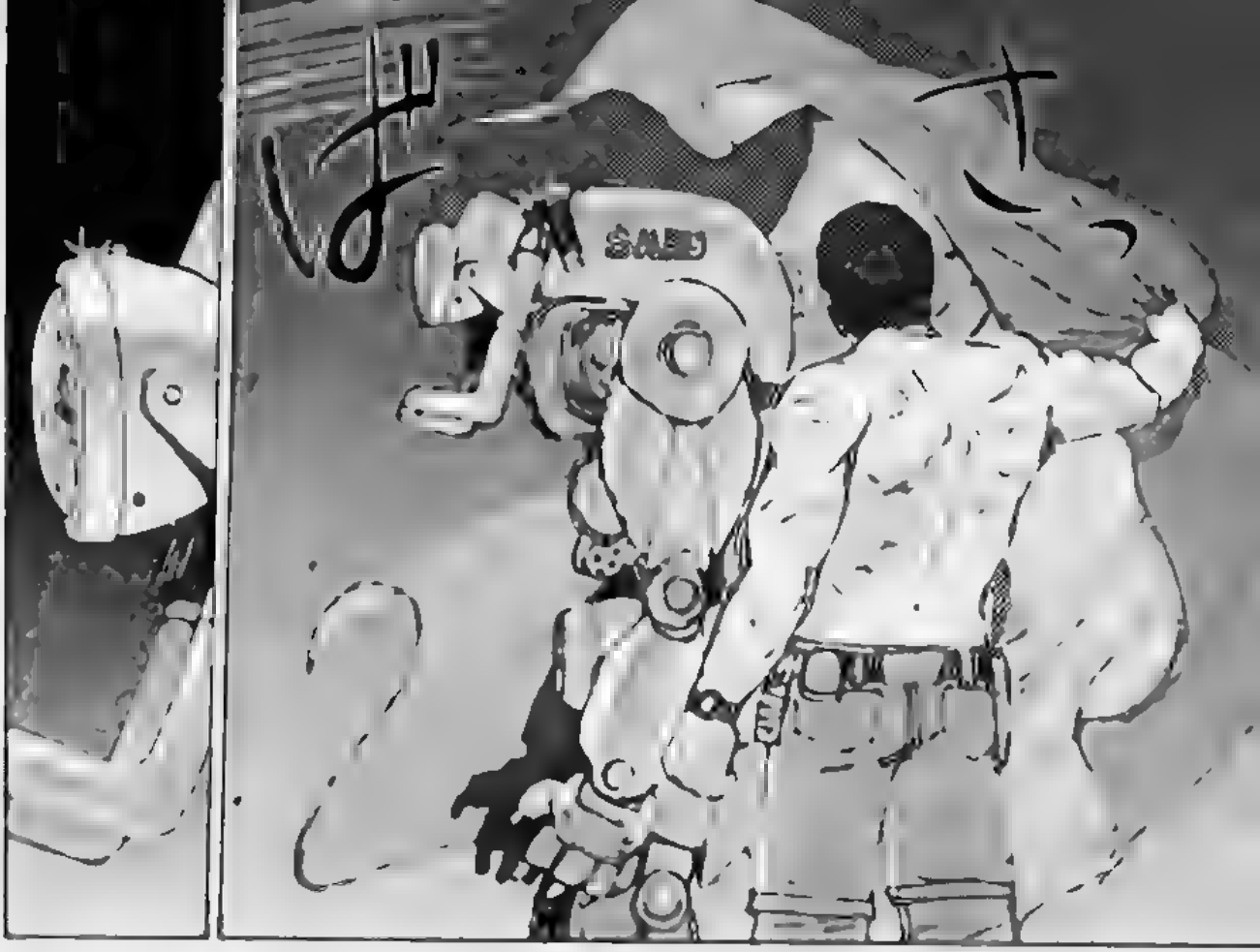

Sorry, but could you go to the front gate on a rideback?

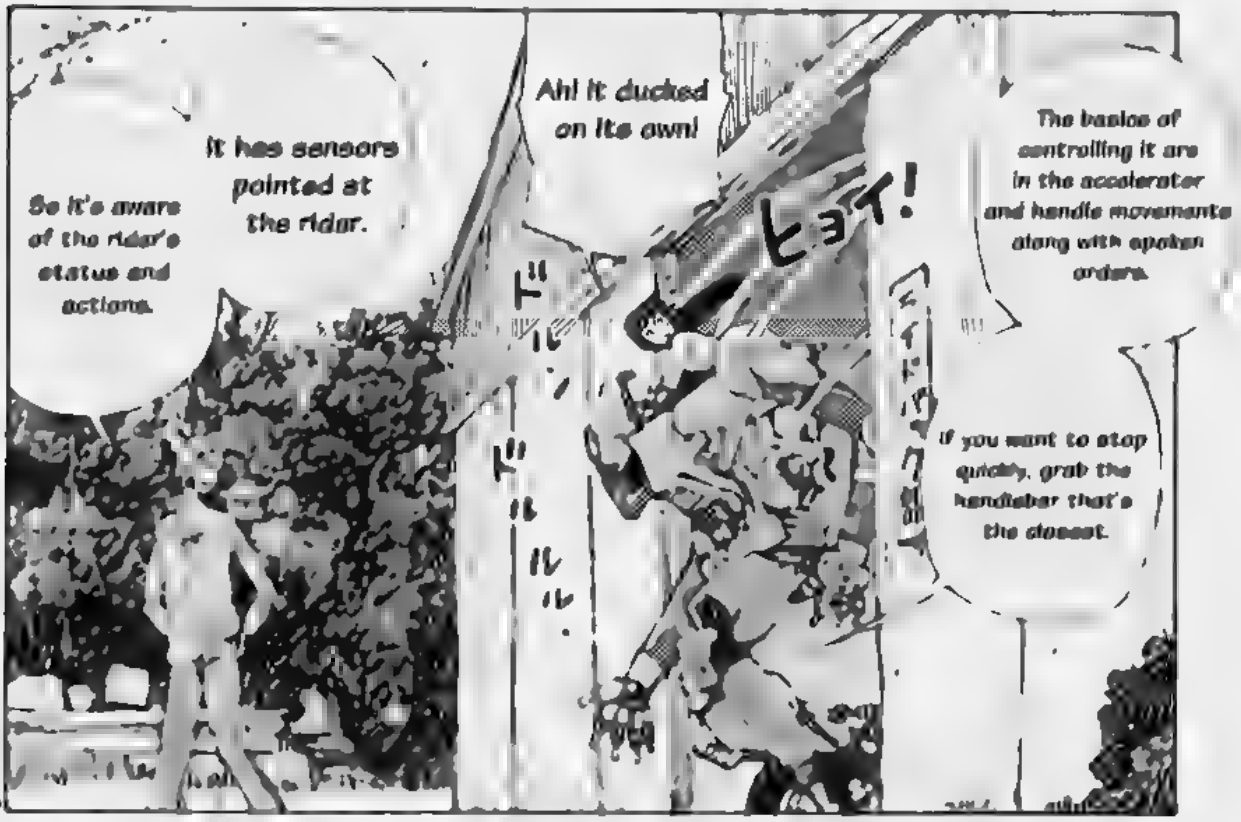
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Roger!
I'll come after I finish some business.


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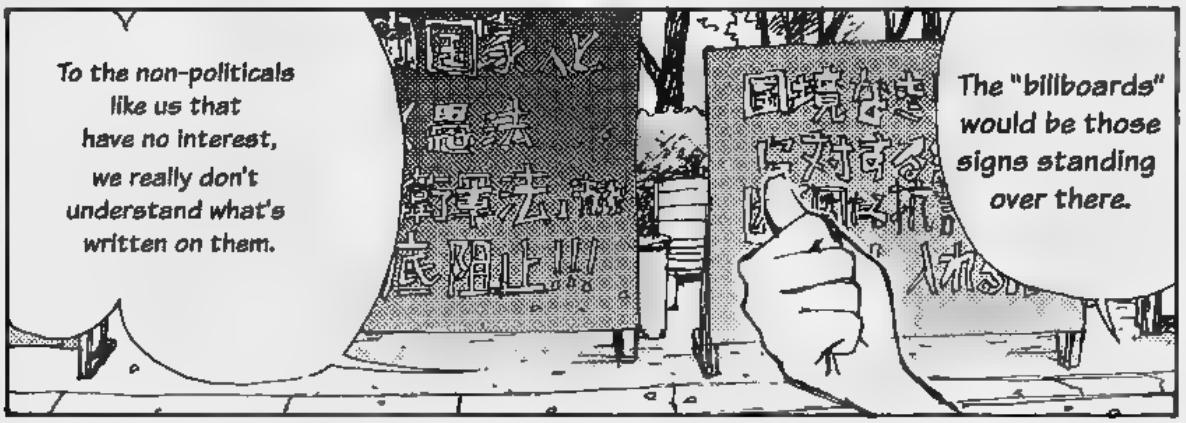

Uh, but...
Since you're already on, you mind coming with me Rin?
If I refuse, I'll be left here with that scary-looking club leader.
Ah...!
It feels a lot better to drive a rideback outdoors.
Yay!
I'll go!
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Ah!
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S-sure!
Turn the accelerator lightly and move forward, Rin.
All right, we're going on ahead.

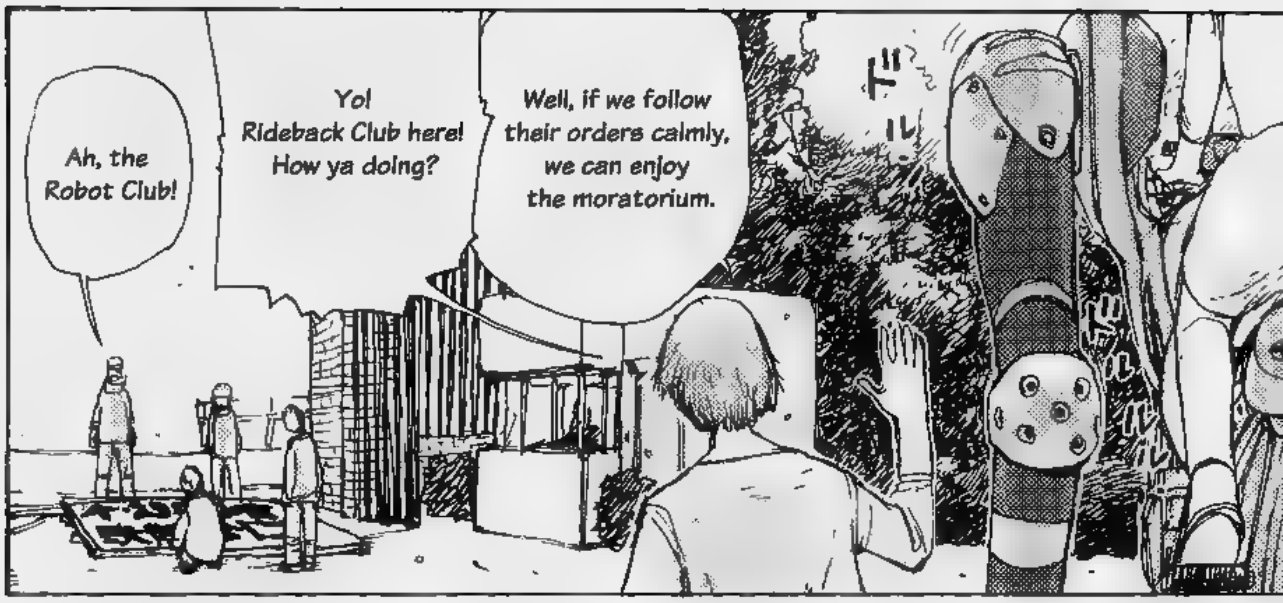

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So it's aware of the rider's status and actions.
It has sensors pointed at the rider.
Ah! It ducked on its own!
ヒョイ!
The basics of controlling it are in the accelerator and handle movements along with spoken orders.
If you want to stop quickly, grab the handlebar that's the closest.


Wow, I'm so close to the seizure branches.
Oh, yeah.
The university has some rather complex things going on here.
The "Student Association" is an autonomous organization created by the students.
They're separate from the circles here so they occasionally ask for help putting up billboards.
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The "billboards" would be those signs standing over there.
To the non-politicals like us that have no interest, we really don't understand what's written on them.

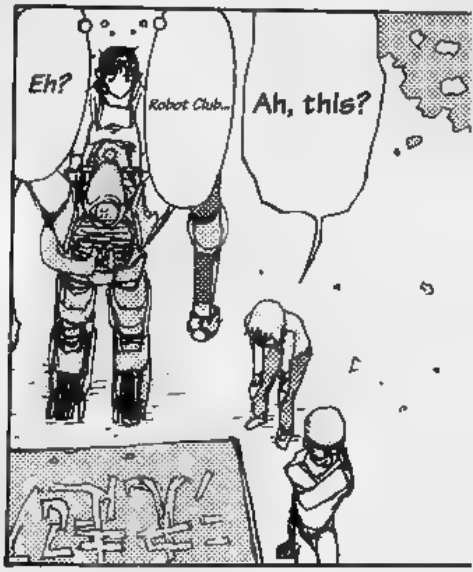

Ah, the Robot Club!
Yo! Rideback Club here! How ya doing?
Well, if we follow their orders calmly, we can enjoy the moratorium.

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There are a number of ways to move the arms.
For now though, we'll just control it by speaking.
It should recognize even a broad order.
Go for it however you like.

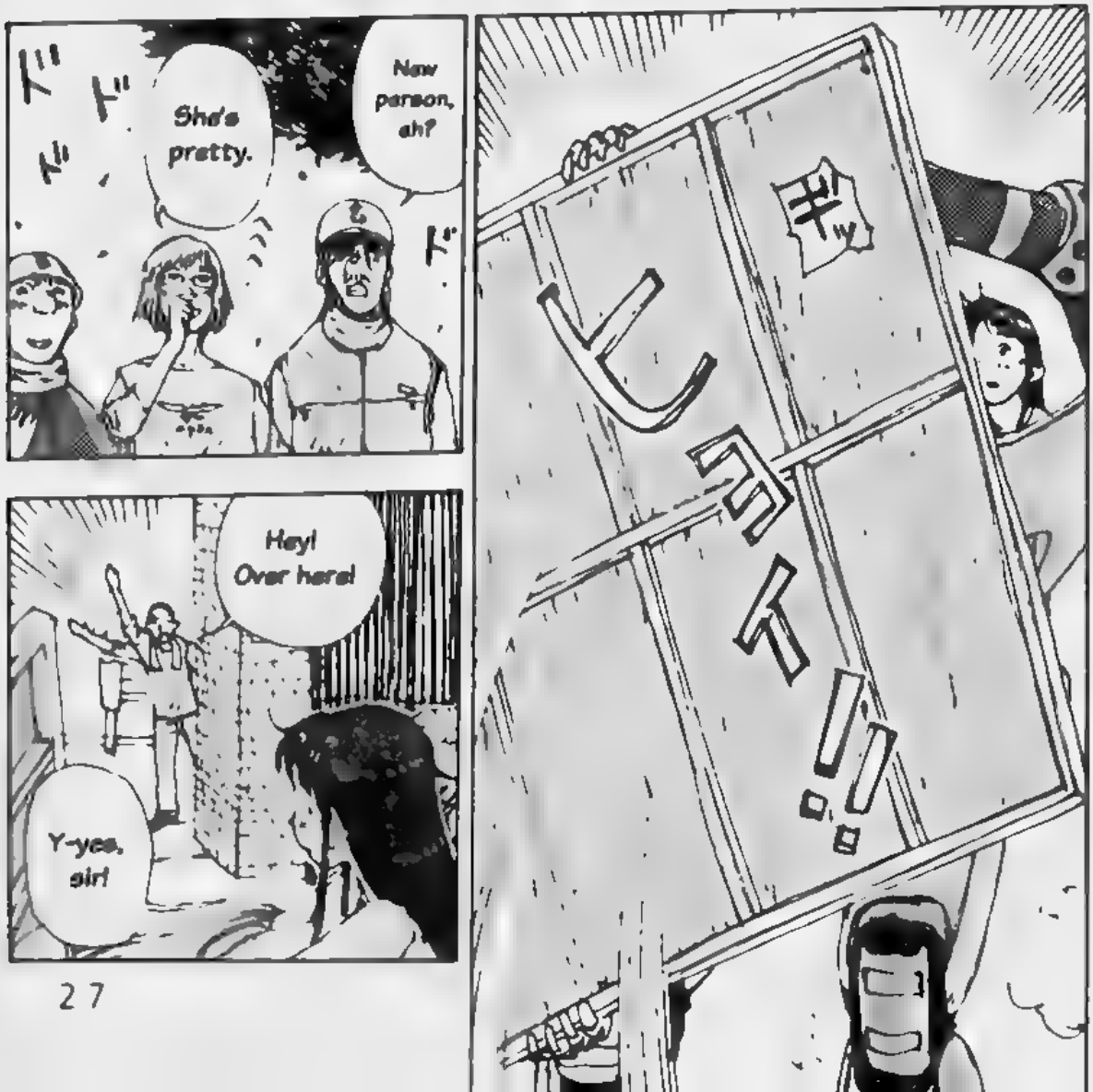

Ok, pick it up.
Oh yeah!

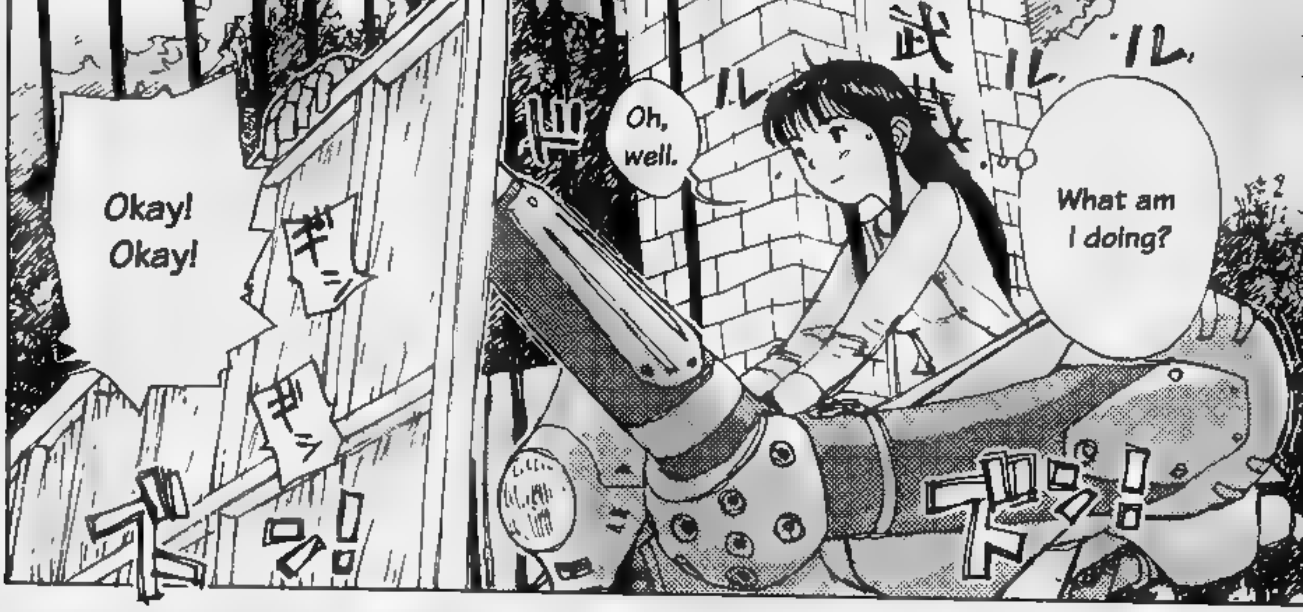

Take this billboard and set it up on that fence.


Eh?
Robot Club...
Ah, this?


Pick up that billboard.
Ok! Fuego.
Whoa!

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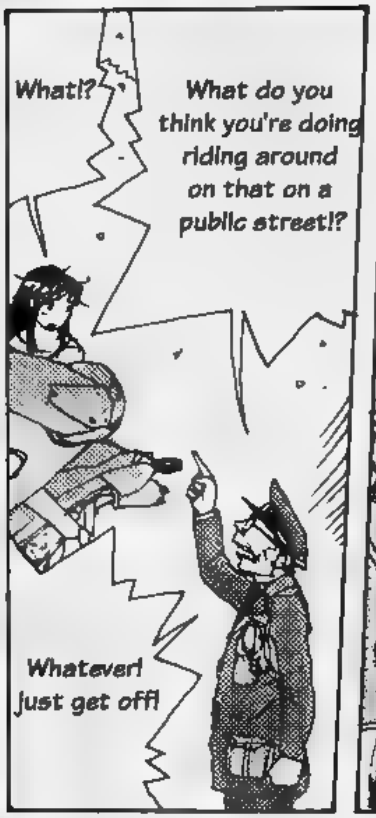

She's pretty.
New person, eh?
Hey! Over here!
Y-yes, sir!


Okay!
Okay!
Oh, well.
What am I doing?


Hmph!

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Shut up, pig!
You college kids...


What!?
What do you think you're doing riding around on that on a public street!?
Whatever! Just get off!

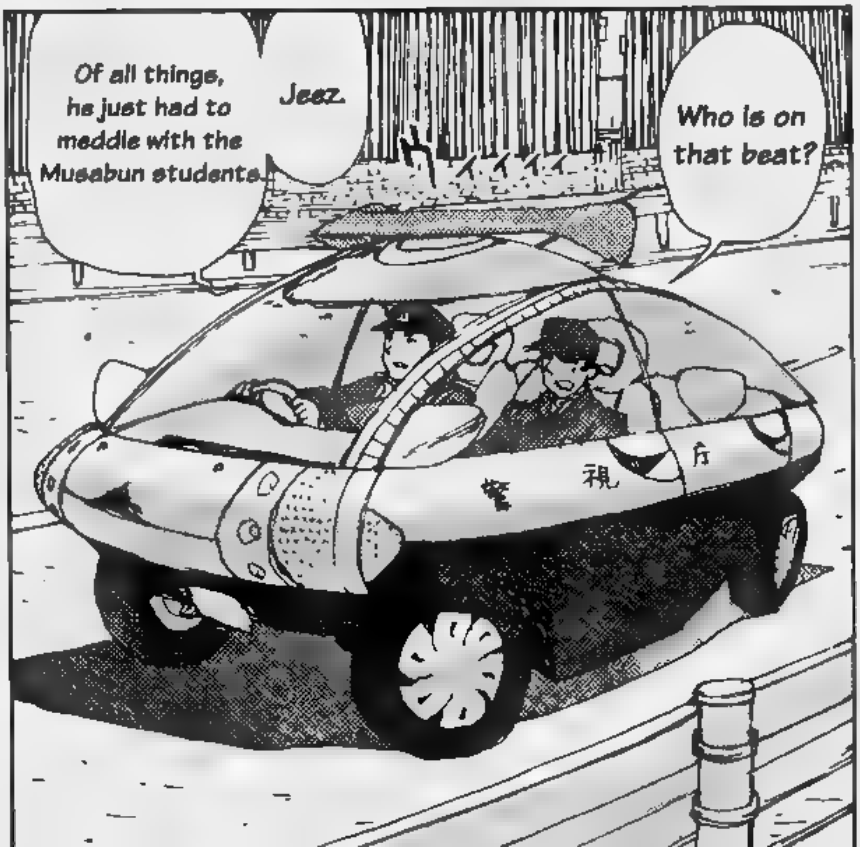

Hey! you!
Huh?


W-w-wait!
You! Come with me!
It wasn't me!
Huh?
What!?


It looks like the idiot officer is shouting at him!
What!?

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Oh shit! The disturbance is getting bigger.
Call for backup!


Of all things, he just had to meddle with the Musabun students.
Jeez.
Who is on that beat?

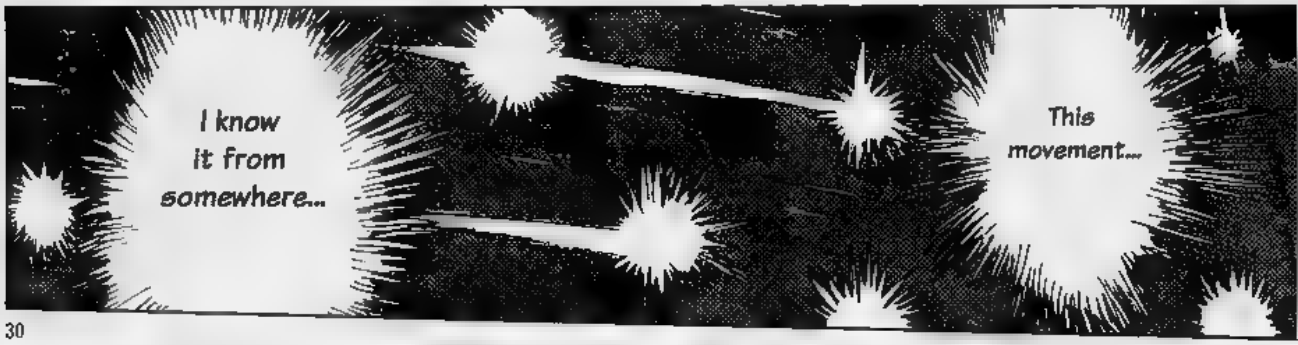

Whatever! It's just two or three of them!
You students, calm down!
Get more bars and sticks!
It's the riot police!
Right on!
We will not submit to this political oppression!


Damn you!
We've got violent protesters!
I'll shoot! I'm serious!
What the hell is that?

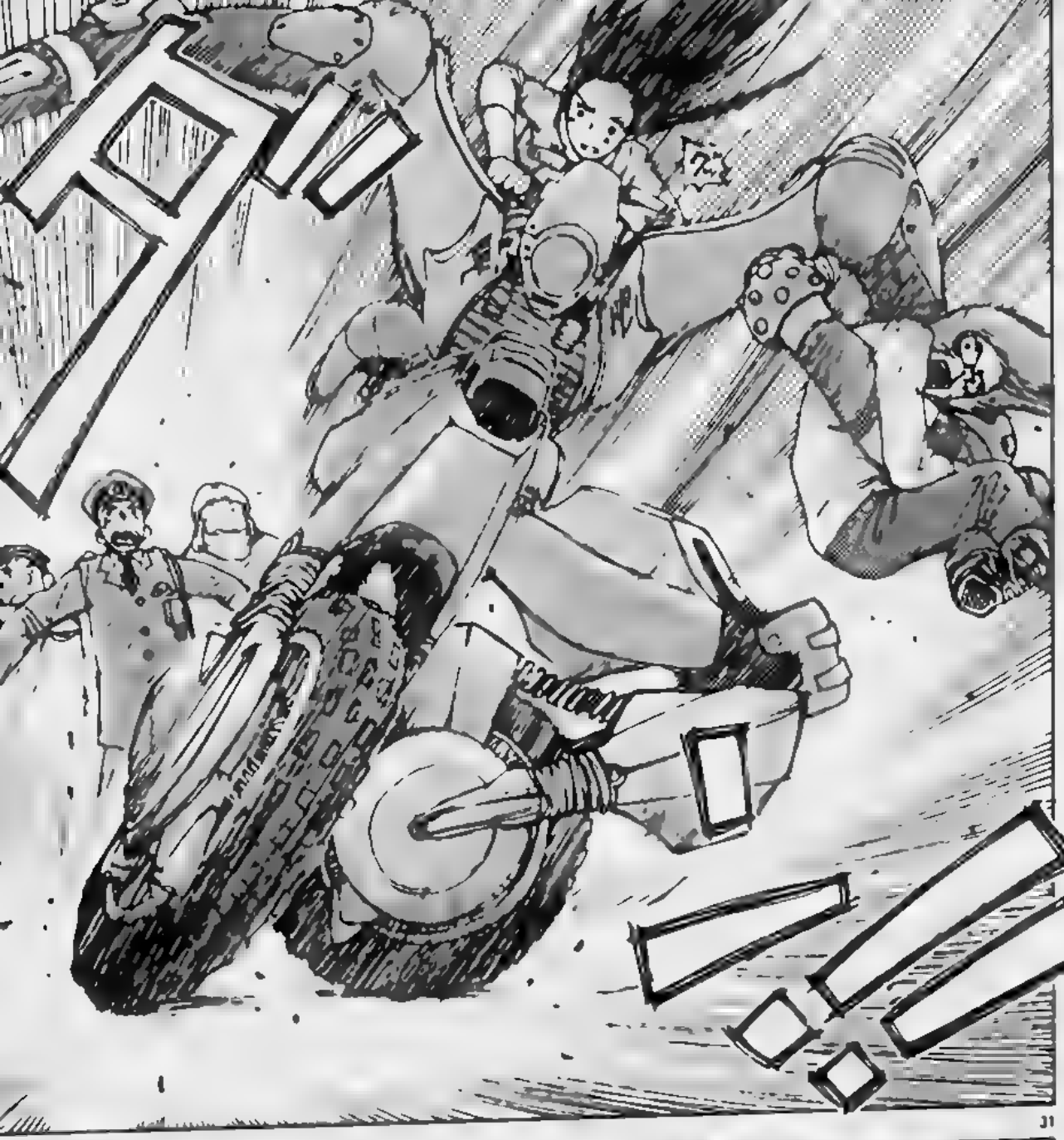

Hishida!
Hi...
I didn't do anything!
Ouch! Ouch!
Get down from there!
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Another skirmish, eh?

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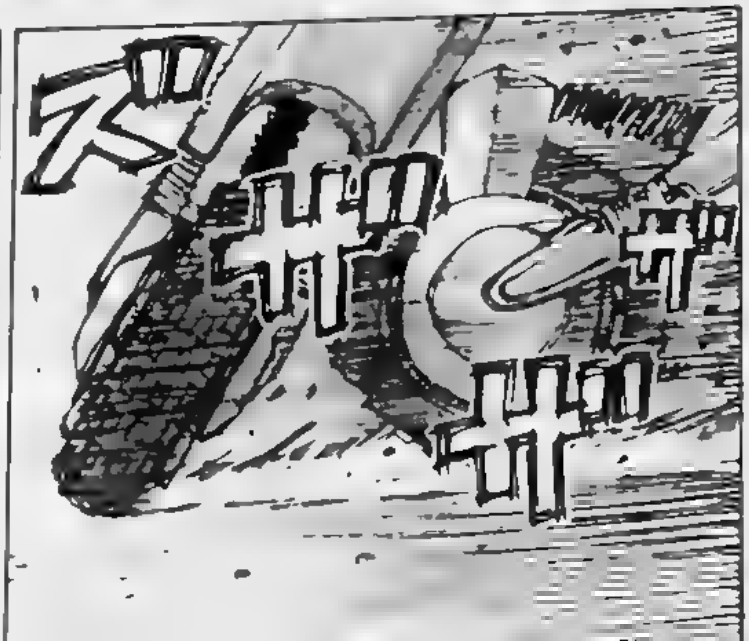

What's going on!?

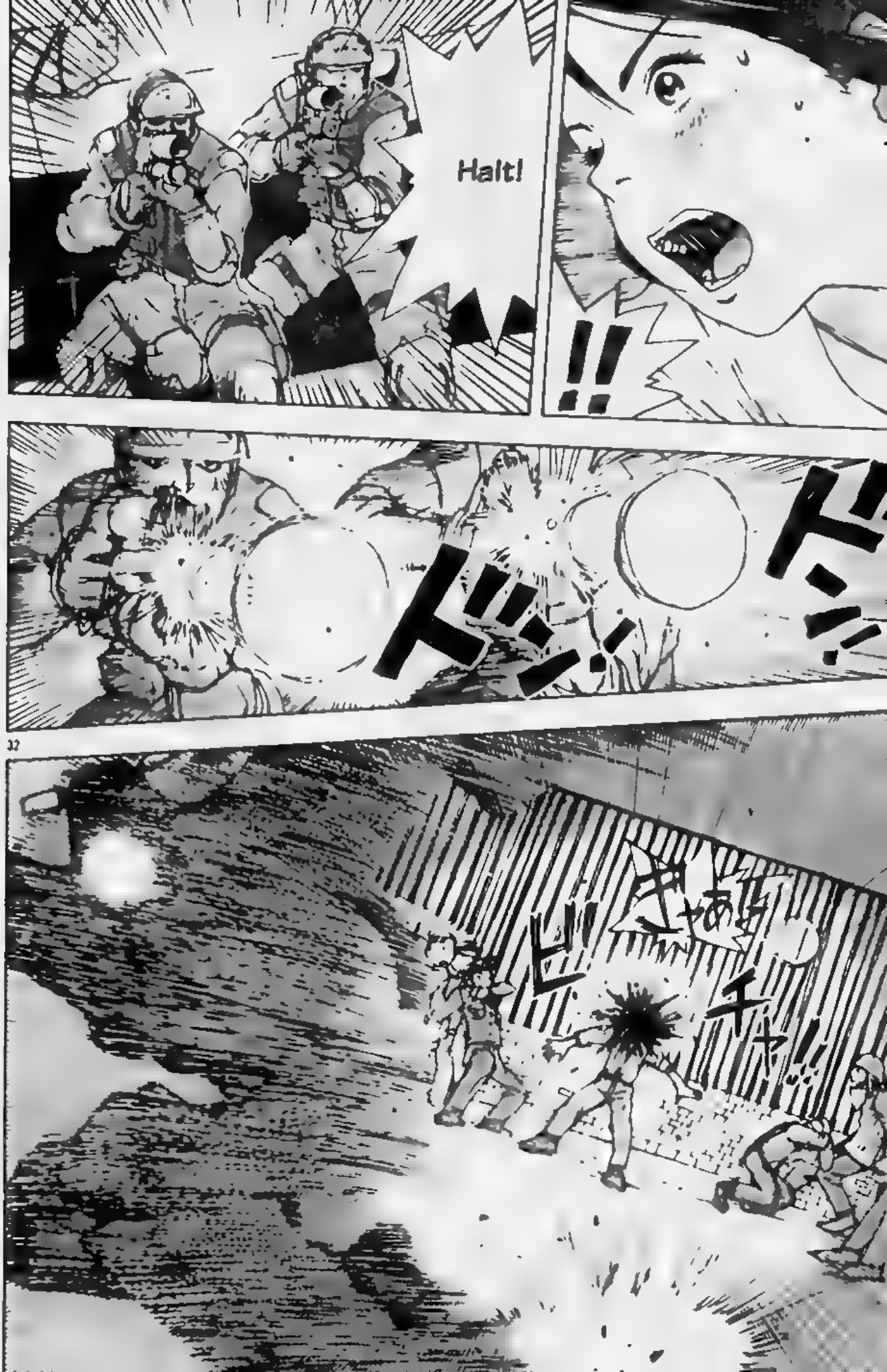

I know it from somewhere...
This movement...


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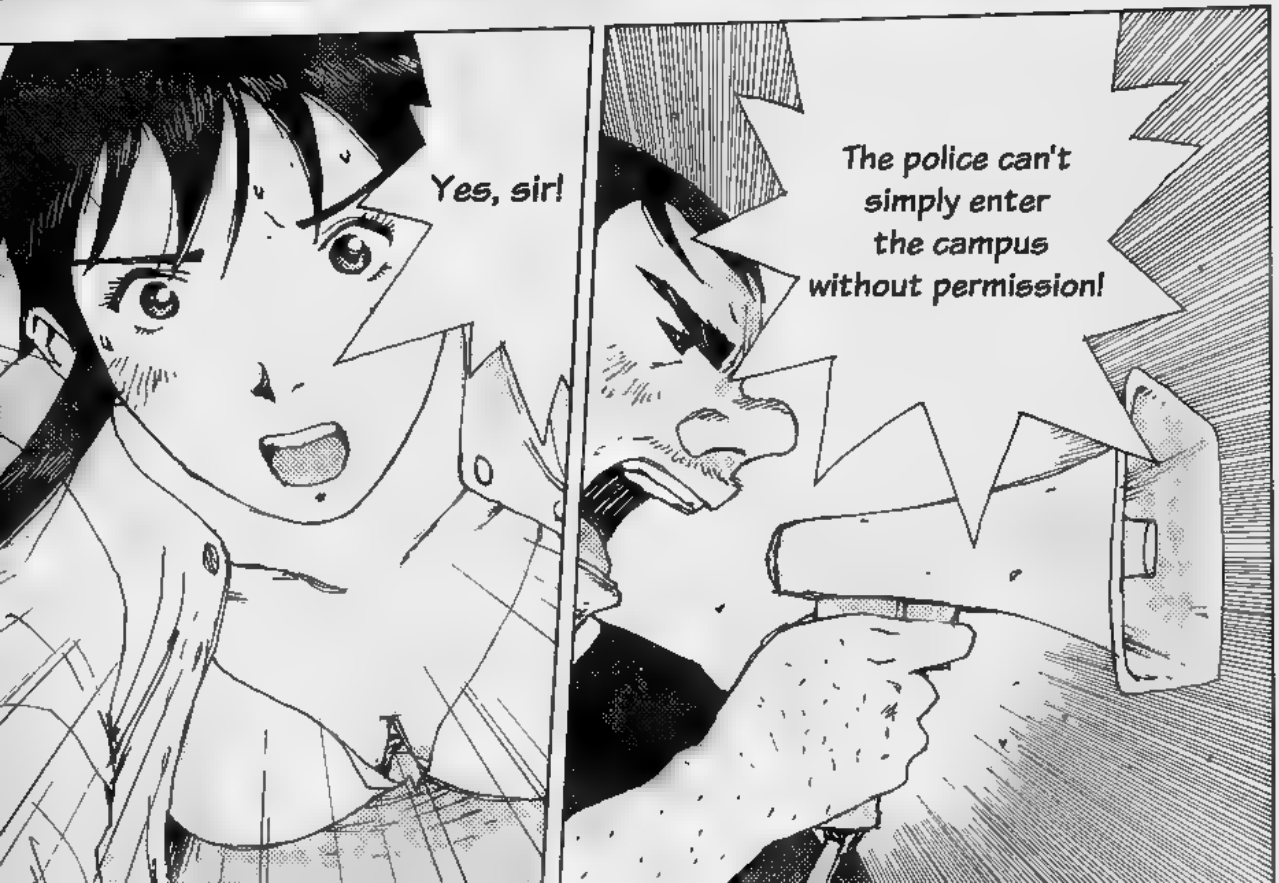



A cross-anchor landing!?




Halt!
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ドン!
ドン!
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It's ok!
Although getting hit in the face is dangerous...
Those are paintballs!
A-ah!
This way! Inside the gates!
That megaphone is my soul!
Lemme borrow this!


Yes, sir!
The police can't simply enter the campus without permission!





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You saved me! Thanks!
Whew...!
I kind of got into the moment.
Yeah.
That's really incredible!
You can handle it like that in a daze?
was that really your first time on a rideback?
Hey, Rin,
Riding without a helmet was bad.
But...

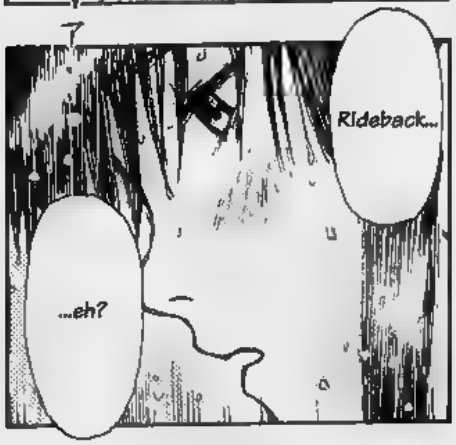

Ah!
Pictures, I mean.
They've probably got shots now.
That's not it.
Aha, I didn't think we were going to be driving that rough.
Which means we may have been marked by public security.
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Public security...
...marked us?



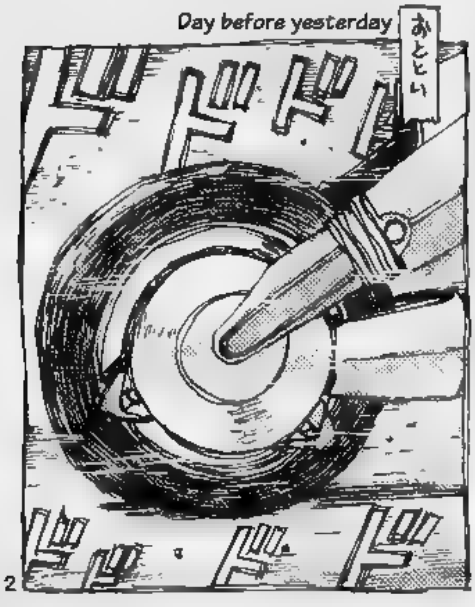
第2話　彼女が来た理由

The Reason She Came

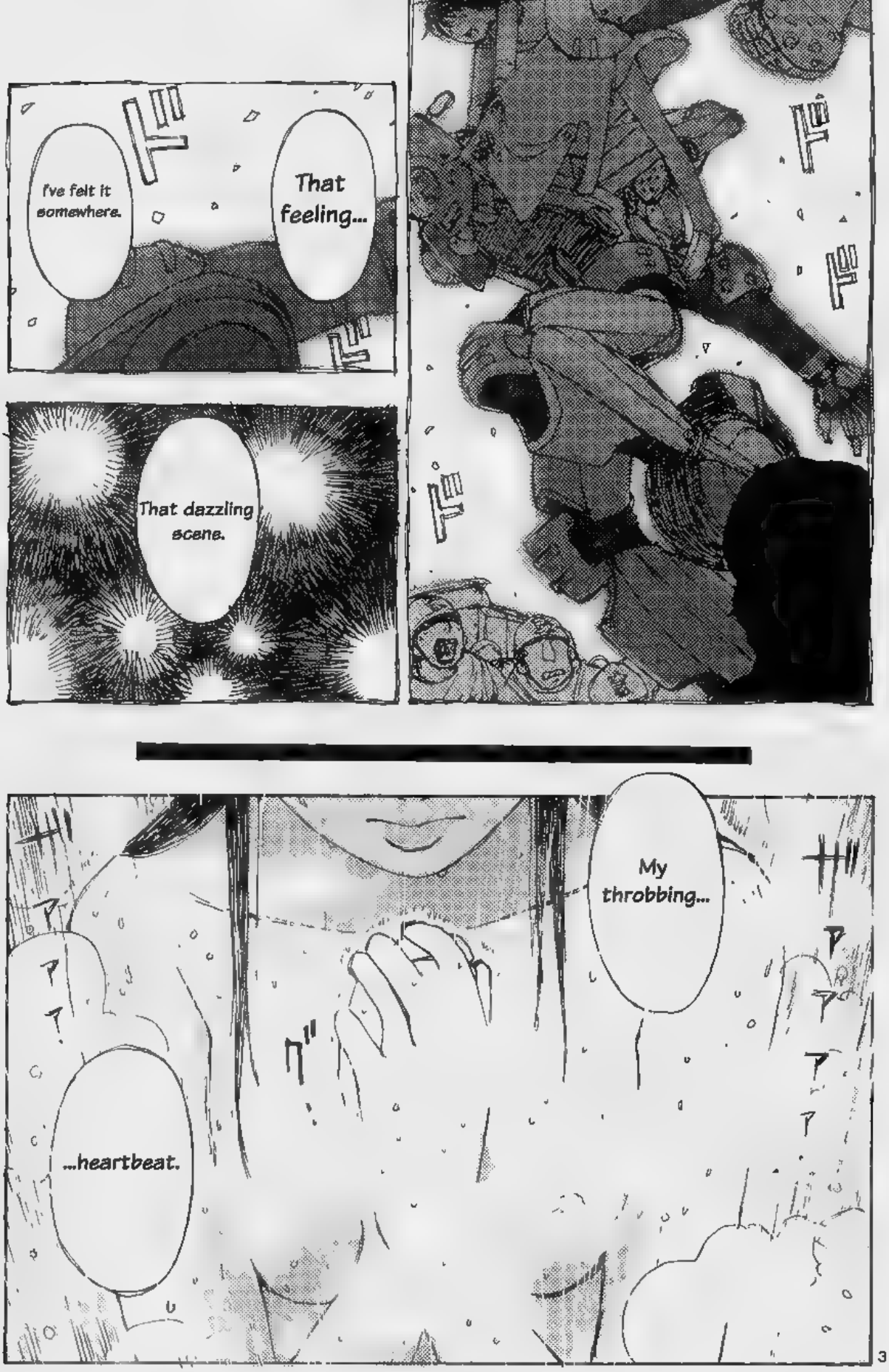


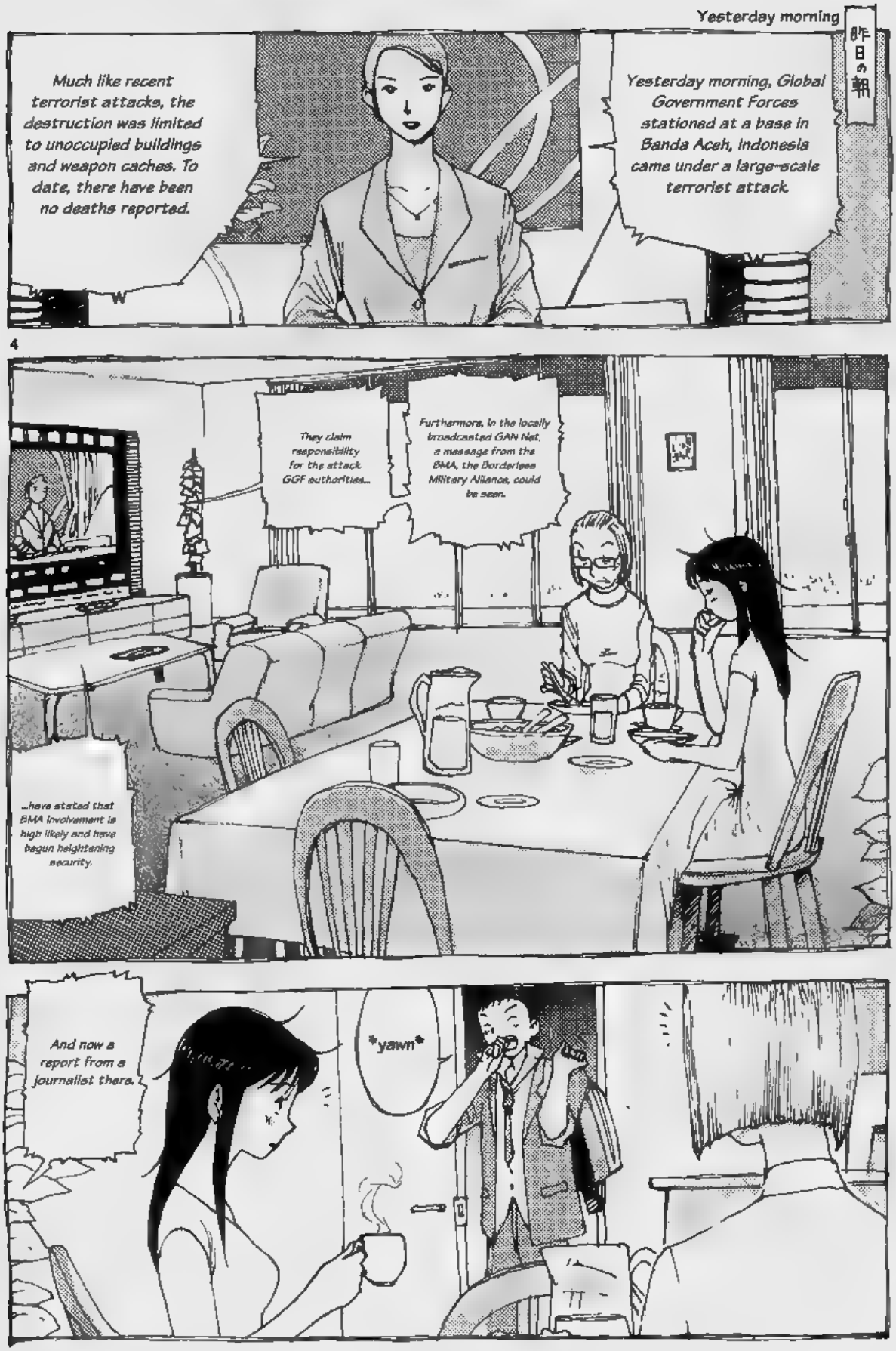


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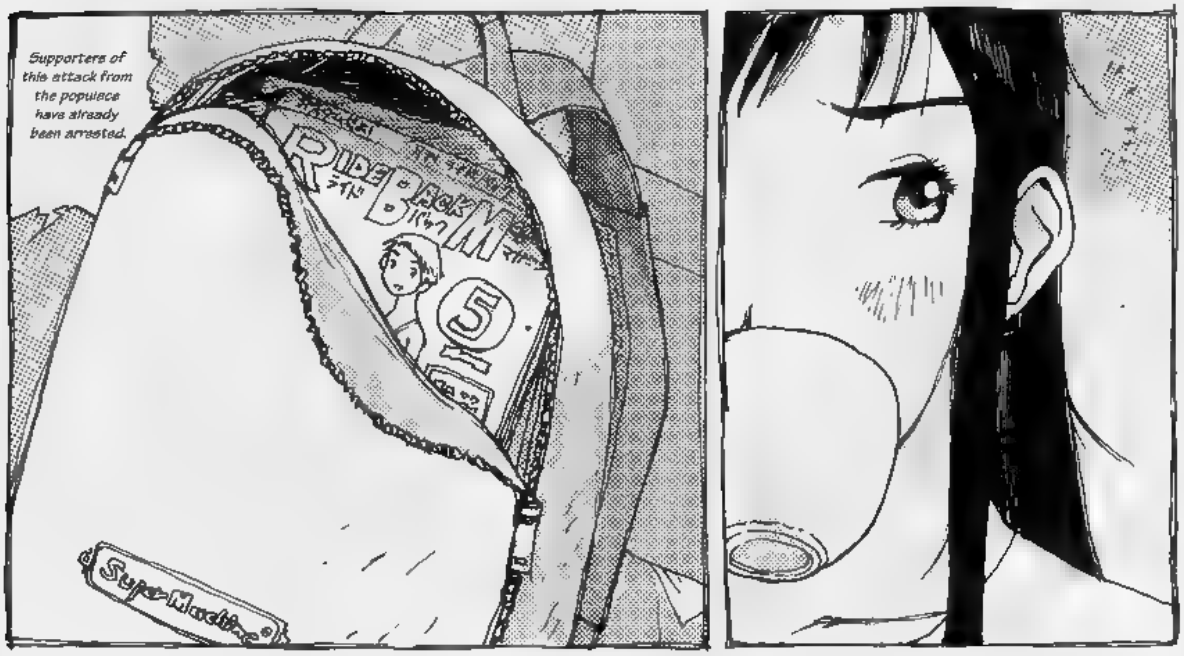


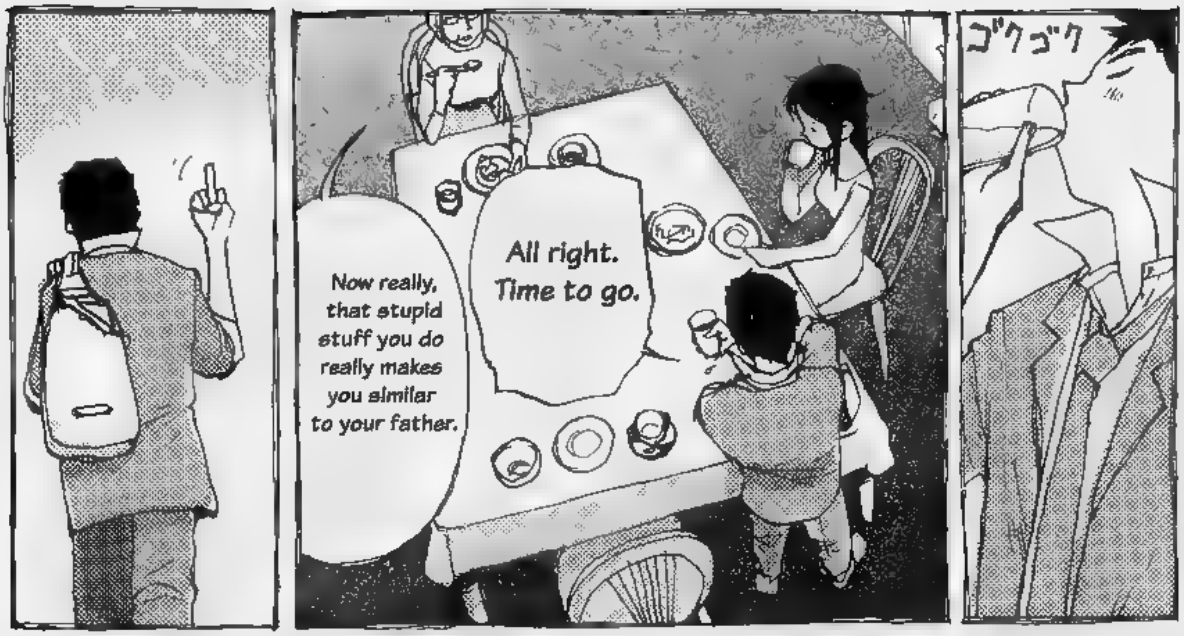



I've felt it somewhere.
That feeling...
That dazzling scene.
My throbbing...
...heartbeat.


Yesterday morning
昨日の朝
Much like recent terrorist attacks, the destruction was limited to unoccupied buildings and weapon caches. To date, there have been no deaths reported.
Yesterday morning, Global Government Forces stationed at a base in Banda Aceh, Indonesia came under a large-scale terrorist attack.
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They claim responsibility for the attack. GGF authorities...
Furthermore, in the locally broadcasted GAN Net, a message from the BMA, the Borderless Military Alliance, could be seen.
...have stated that BMA involvement is high likely and have begun heightening security.
And now a report from a journalist there.
yawn

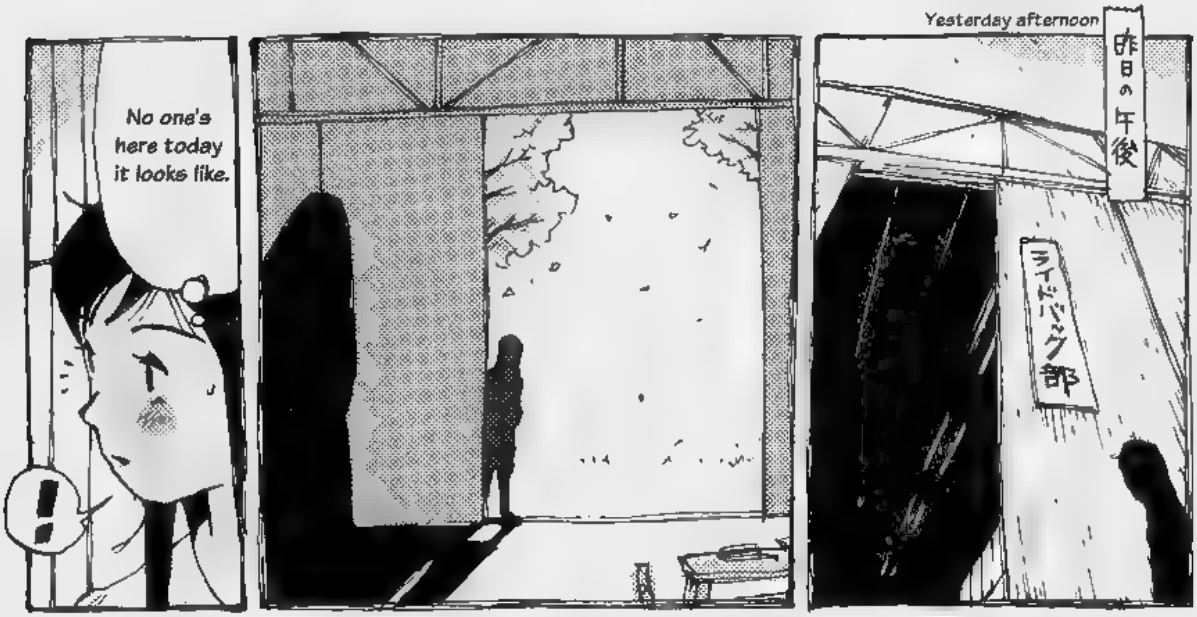

Jeez, even Sis is eating this nasty looking food early in the morning.
Then you don't have to eat it, Kenji.
...
ドン!
Shut up, granny!
Ew...
I am here in Banda Aceh where the stationed soldiers have been following up on the crime.
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Supporters of this attack from the populace have already been arrested.
RIDE BACK M
5
Super Machine


Now really, that stupid stuff you do really makes you similar to your father.
All right. Time to go.
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The government has expressed dissatisfaction with the GGF as they see this as an opportunity for anti-GGF sentiments to rise amongst the citizens.
Rideback Magazine...


No one's here today it looks like.
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Yesterday afternoon
昨日の午後
ライドバック部

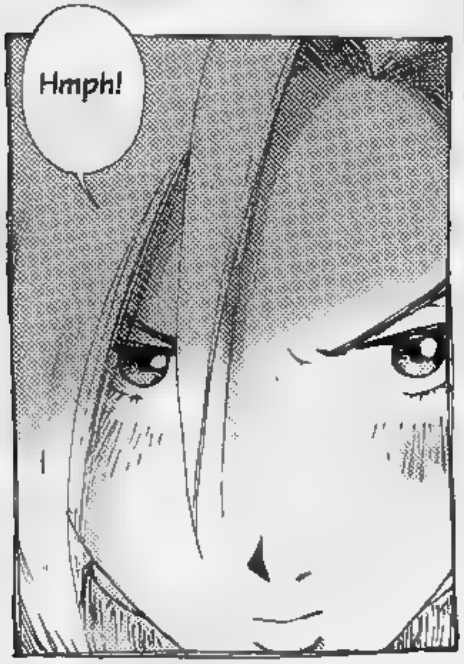



RBZ...


This is different from the one I saw yesterday.


What are you doing!?
ビク!


I'm sorry.
Umm...


Hmph!


This isn't a place that non-members can enter freely.


Wha?
Have a rideback race with me.
Well, whatever.


Rather brazen of you to come back to the Rideback Club.
What do you mean?
A race?
Eh?
You're Ogata Rin, aren't you?
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The Rideback Club has been marked by public security.
Thanks to your little stunt in front of the main gate yesterday,
Uh, yeah...


I'll do something about the mark put on you by public security.
If you win the rideback race,
We've been marked by public security.
Public security...


You become my servant!
My father is in a position to do something about it.
However, should you lose,
キュルルル
ドルルン!!


W-wait!
If you don't come, it'll be your loss!
Sunday, the day after tomorrow! 2pm in front of the Rideback Club!
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This morning
今朝
Can't you just give me some!? It's just 50,000 yen!
No.
That's all I'm giving you for your daily allowance.
Cheapskate!


I ain't coming home today!
バタン!
What's Pops got to do with it? You senile or something?
It's just like Munetatsu.
The way you pester me for money,

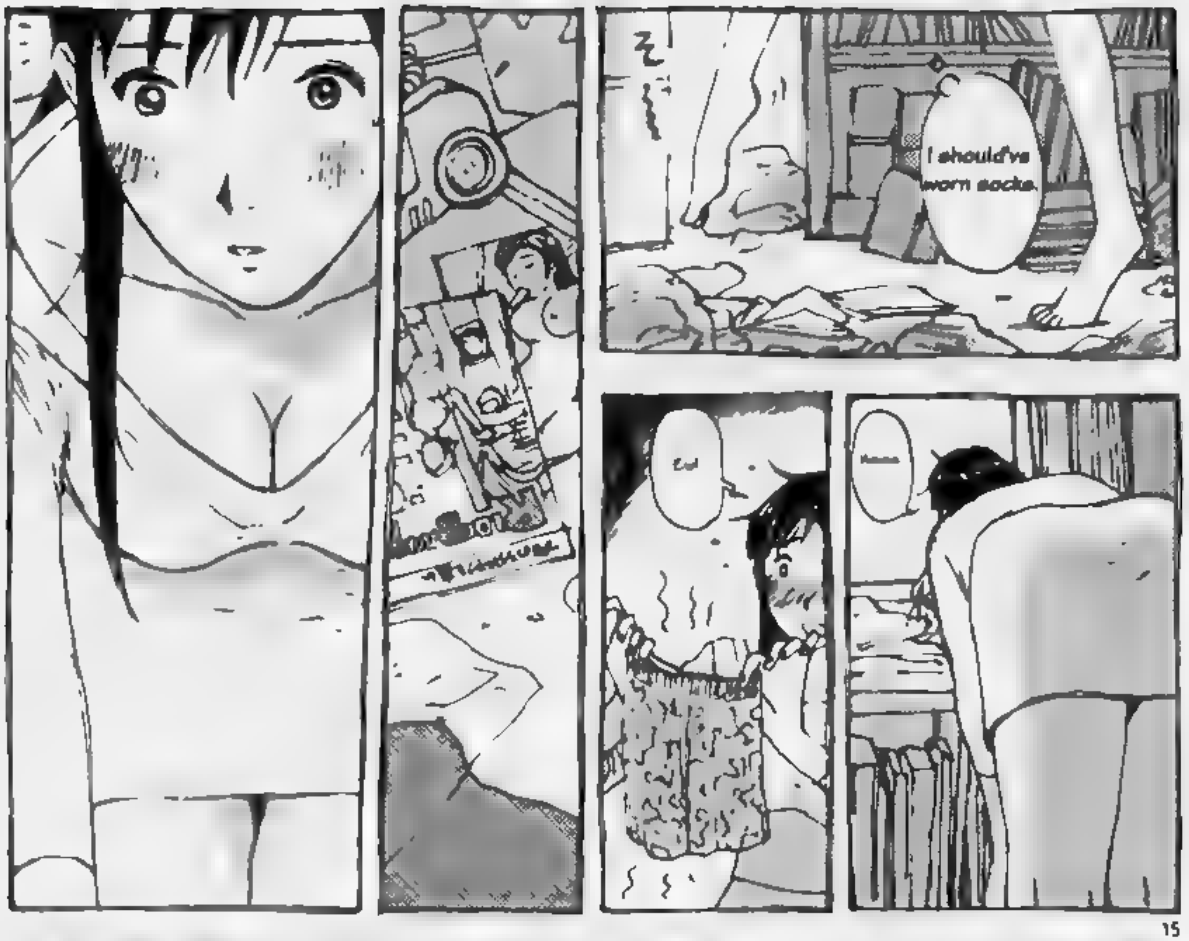

How many years has it been since I've been in my little brother's room?
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I should've worn socks.
Hmm
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RIDE BACK
ライド バック
マガジン
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Here it is!

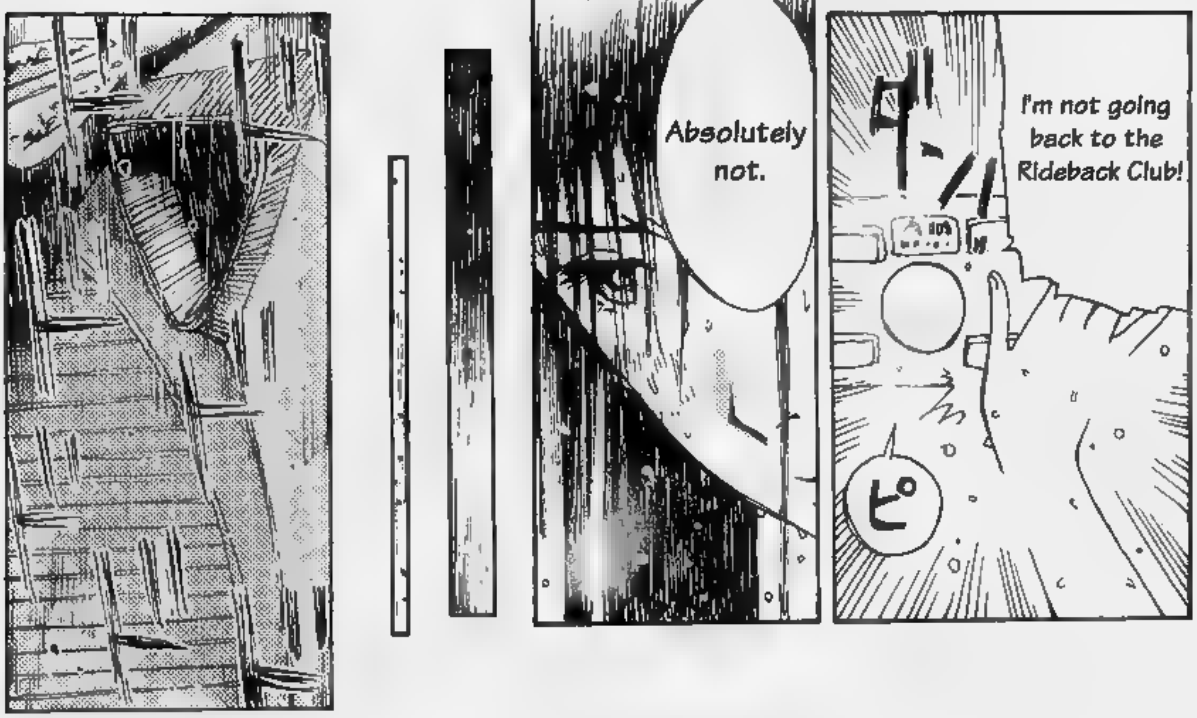

"To feel free movement, you have to use your entire body to control it." I can understand that, I think.
For a flat corner, lean-in to gradually increase the bank angle.
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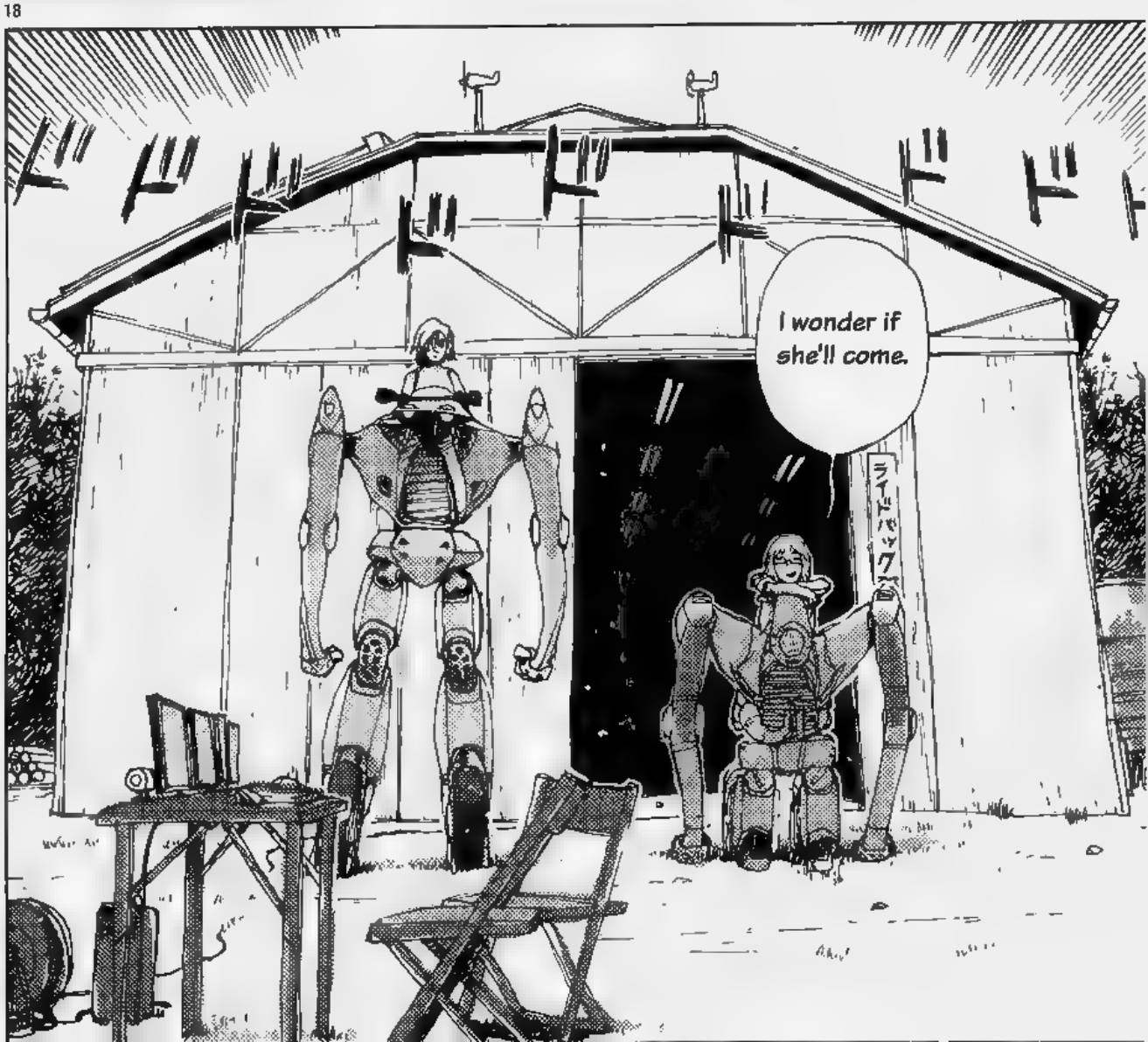


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There's no way I can go.


I have dance lessons.
I have to put the curriculum from the lecture together too.
Me? I've barely ridden on a bike.
A rideback race?
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Is she trying to make a fool of me!?
Just who is she!?
Have a rideback race with me.

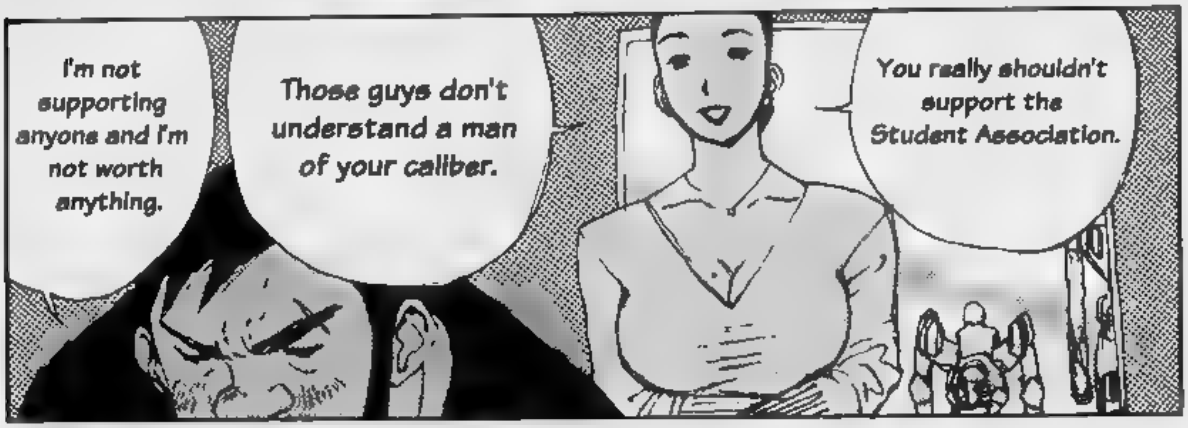

Absolutely not.
I'm not going back to the Rideback Club!


I wonder if she'll come.

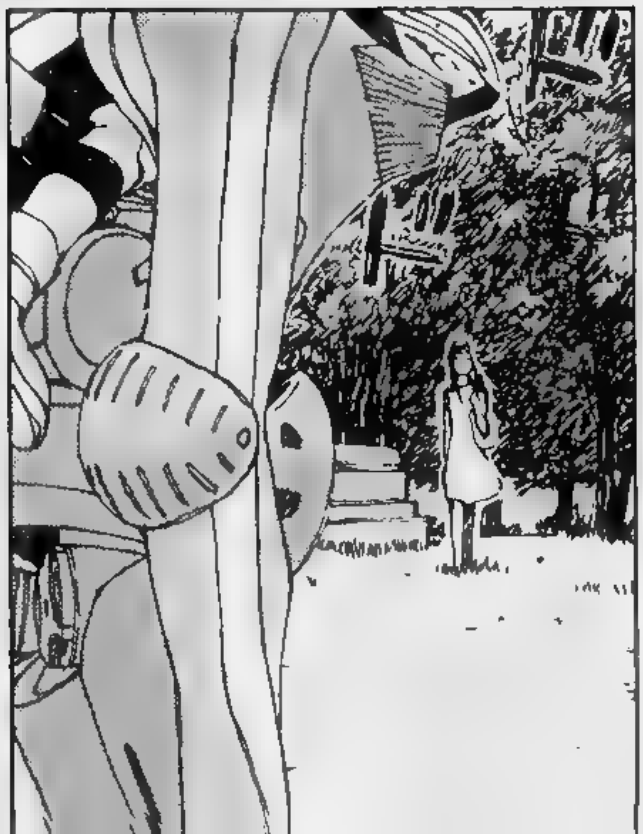

....
Do you, Tamayo?


Oh?
She hasn't popped up yet.
How about Otakura?
The Chief? He's inside tuning SARU as always.
Oh! Prof. Yokoyama!
She come?
So?


Hello.
You didn't come to the student council meeting again.
Chief Okakura!

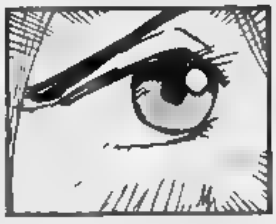

I'm not supporting anyone and I'm not worth anything.
Those guys don't understand a man of your caliber.
You really shouldn't support the Student Association.

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So, have you heard anything about the BMA since then?
Ohoho...


Oh!

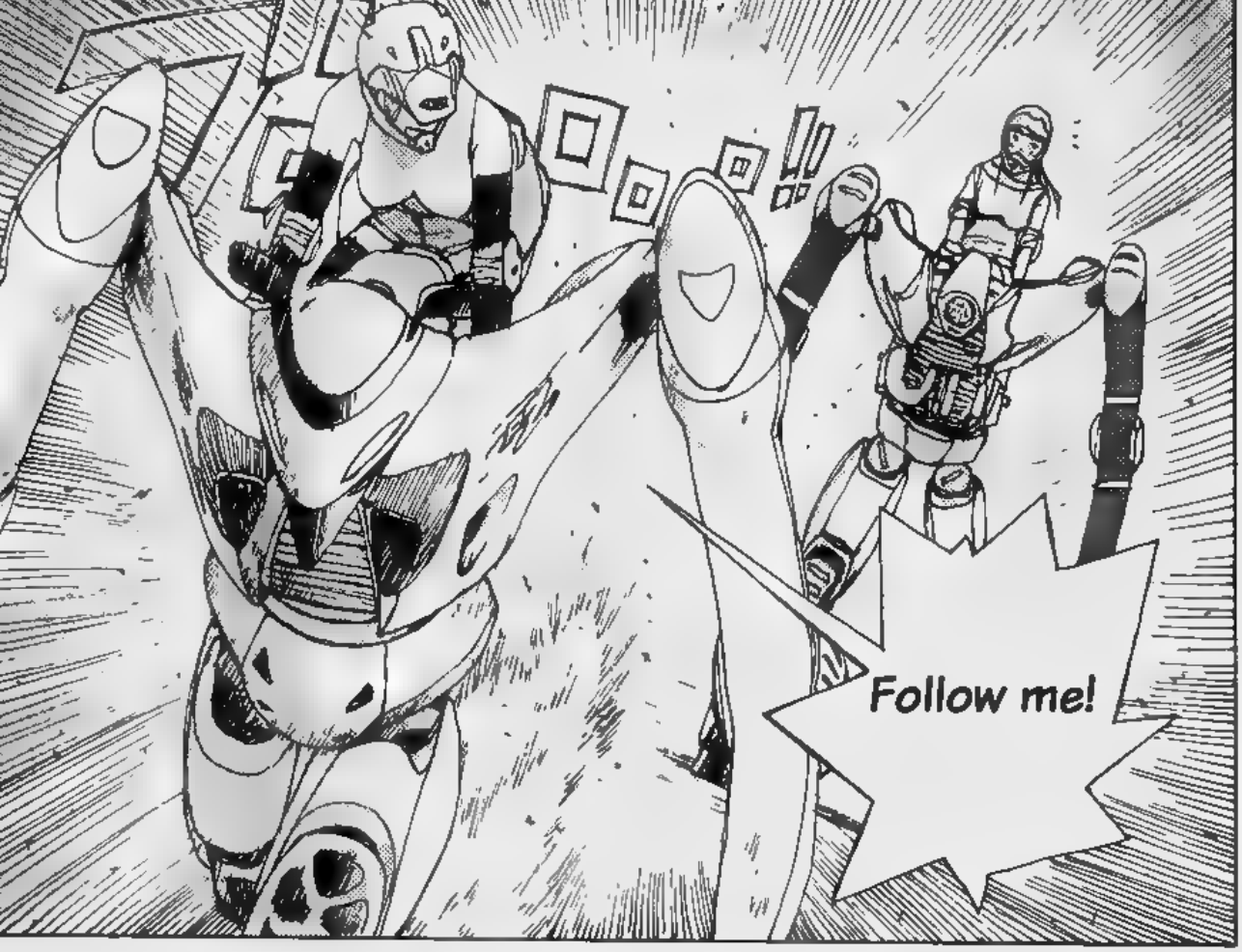





The rules are simple!
First, we'll do a light run around the campus twice so you can memorize the course.
Afterwards, you'll begin the race in front of the Ridgeback Club.
If Rin can finish three laps before Tamaya finishes four laps, it'll be Rin's win.

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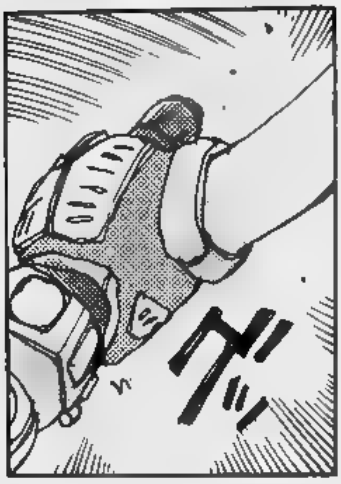

Let's go!
You're pretty stubborn to have accepted that challenge, Rin.
But you know, using your own name, then clearing down the gauntlet is rather ruthless even for you Tamaya.







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Meaning, has the Student Association teamed up with the BMA to strengthen their protests?

Be that as it may,

I even got the start signal ready.

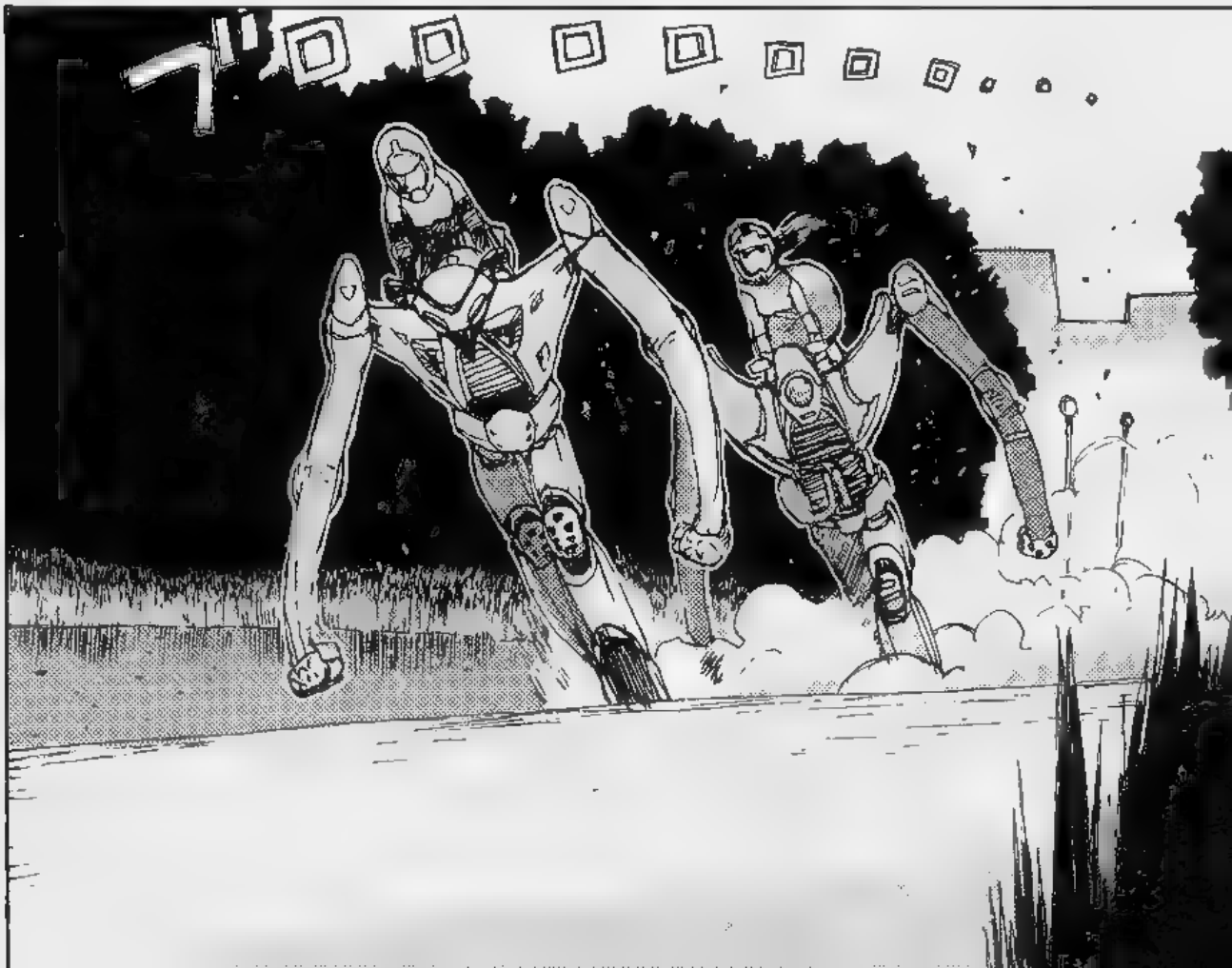
Jeez, they started on their own.

RRON

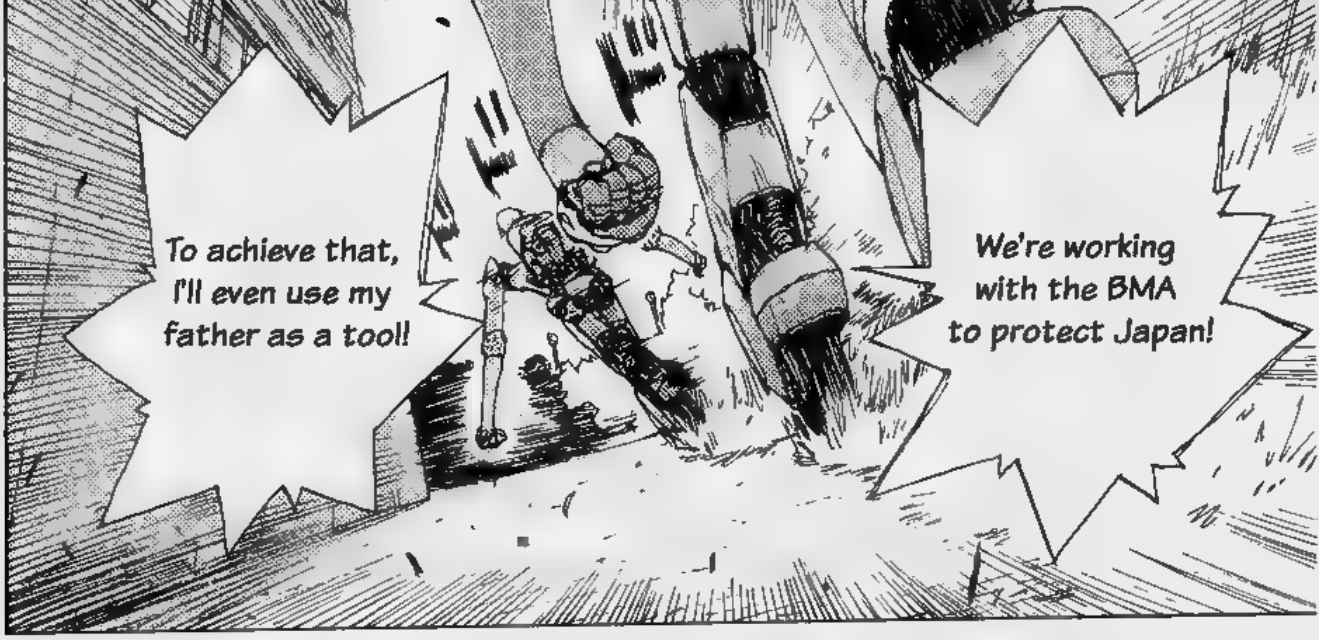
For example, if a strong "Icon" that could sway the hearts of the people were to appear...

However, the current situation will change in the near future.

I don't think the world will change if some simple students and the BMA teamed up.




That you wouldn't come out even if the public security mark was lifted!
They didn't think you'd come today!
The club members,
Kataoka Nanfuu, a diet member. You remember hearing of him?
My dad really has influence over public security.
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That old pervert is one of the people ruining Japan!
He crossed the survivors of the quake and is a member of the ruling party's inner circle.


To achieve that, I'll even use my father as a tool!
We're working with the BMA to protect Japan!


It wasn't to get that public security mark lifted, was it?
SOEI
You came today...
But you!


The real reason you came...


米国の陰謀を
許すな!!!
同盟
米による主権侵害を放置
し続ける現内閣の即時
解散を要求する!!



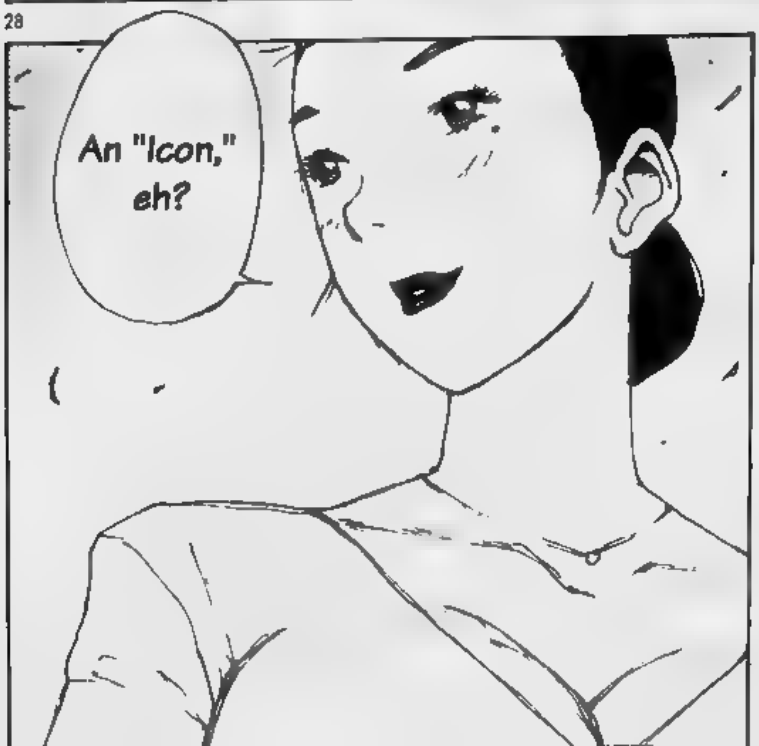

Another dumb newbie crashes into a billboard here.


This girl...!
She dodged the splinters!?


They're already here?
Huh?
RRON

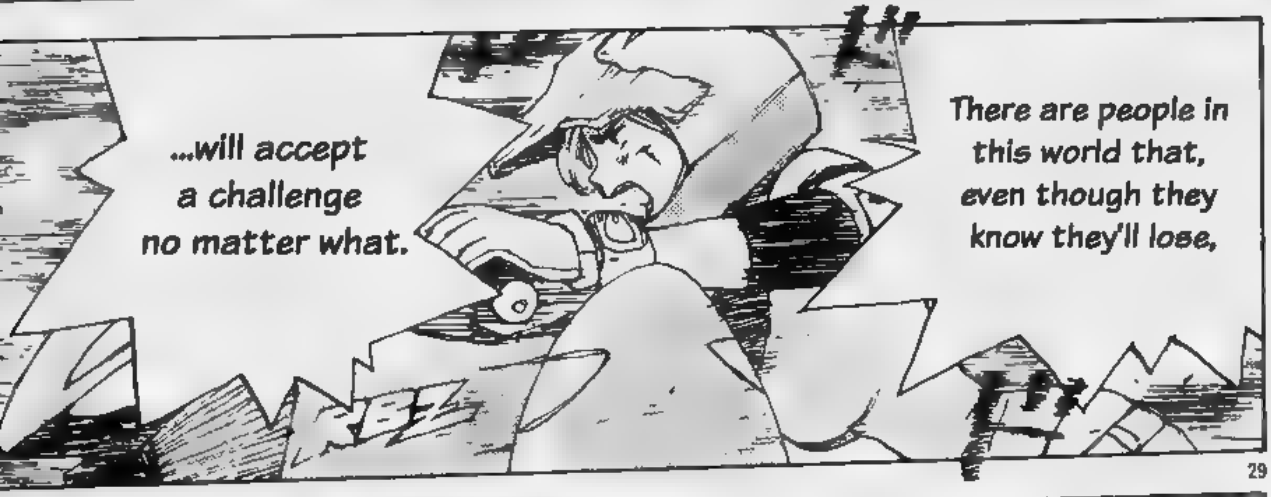

WHOA!!

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An "Icon," eh?


Didn't I say to take an easy two laps!?
Wait!

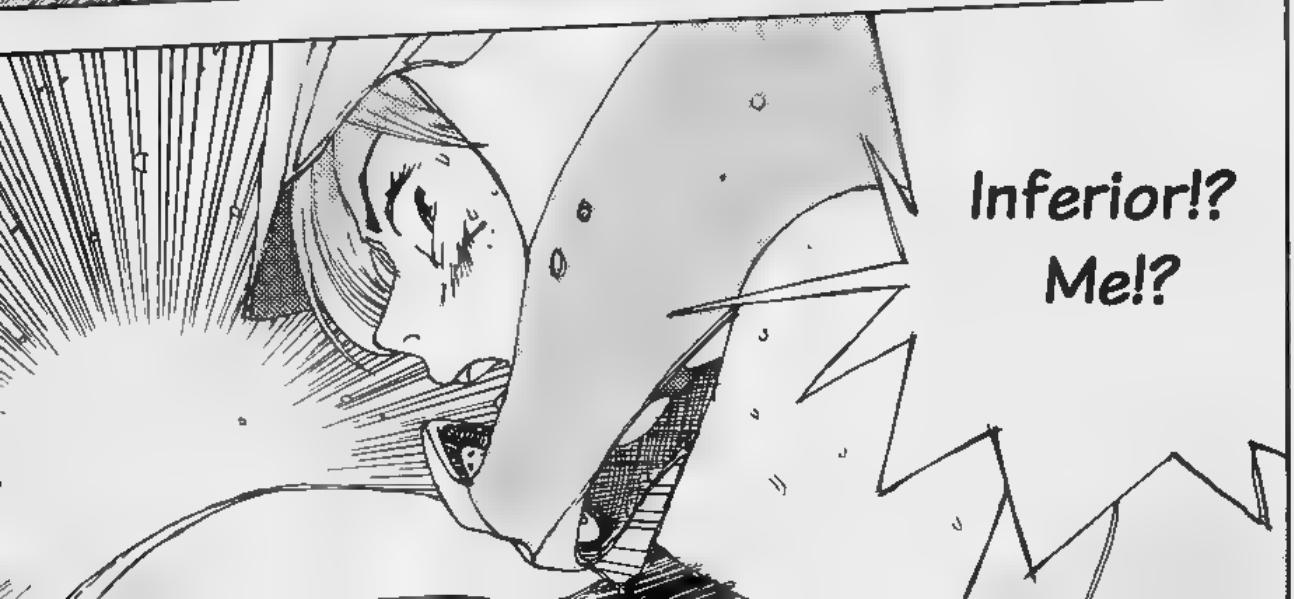

The real reason you came!
?
I knew it!


...will accept a challenge no matter what.
There are people in this world that, even though they know they'll lose,


And so are you!
I'm one of those people!


The fact you accepted this challenge is proof!
We're alike, you and I!
...wrong.
probably...
That's...
Umm.
Huh!?
Umm, there was something I wanted to make certain of, or so.
This isn't about a challenge I knew I'd lose.

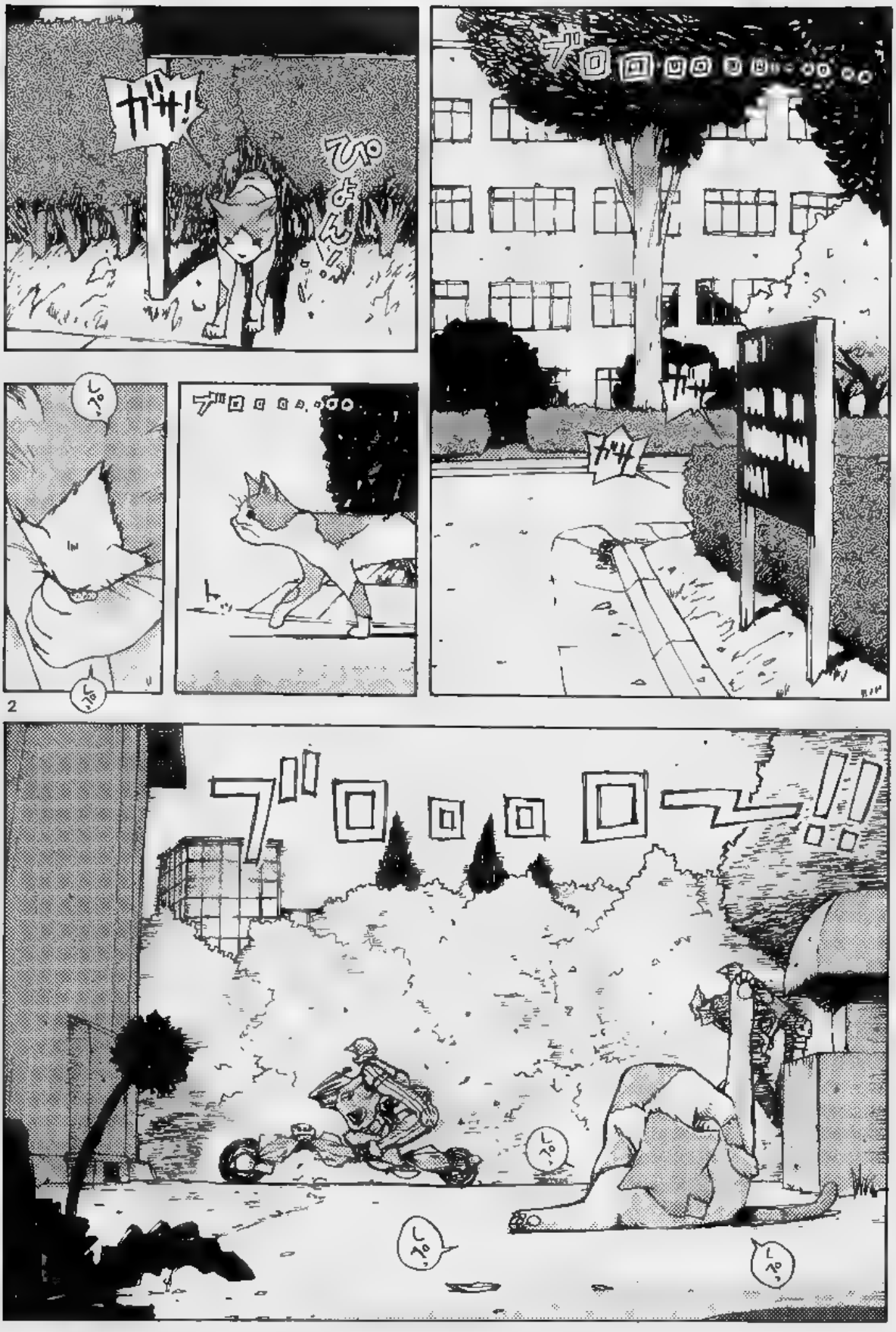

Akai
I was wondering if I was better or if it's just that you were inferior.
Um... I'm sorry.
I kind of came to confirm that.
I had that instinct.


Inferior!? Me!?

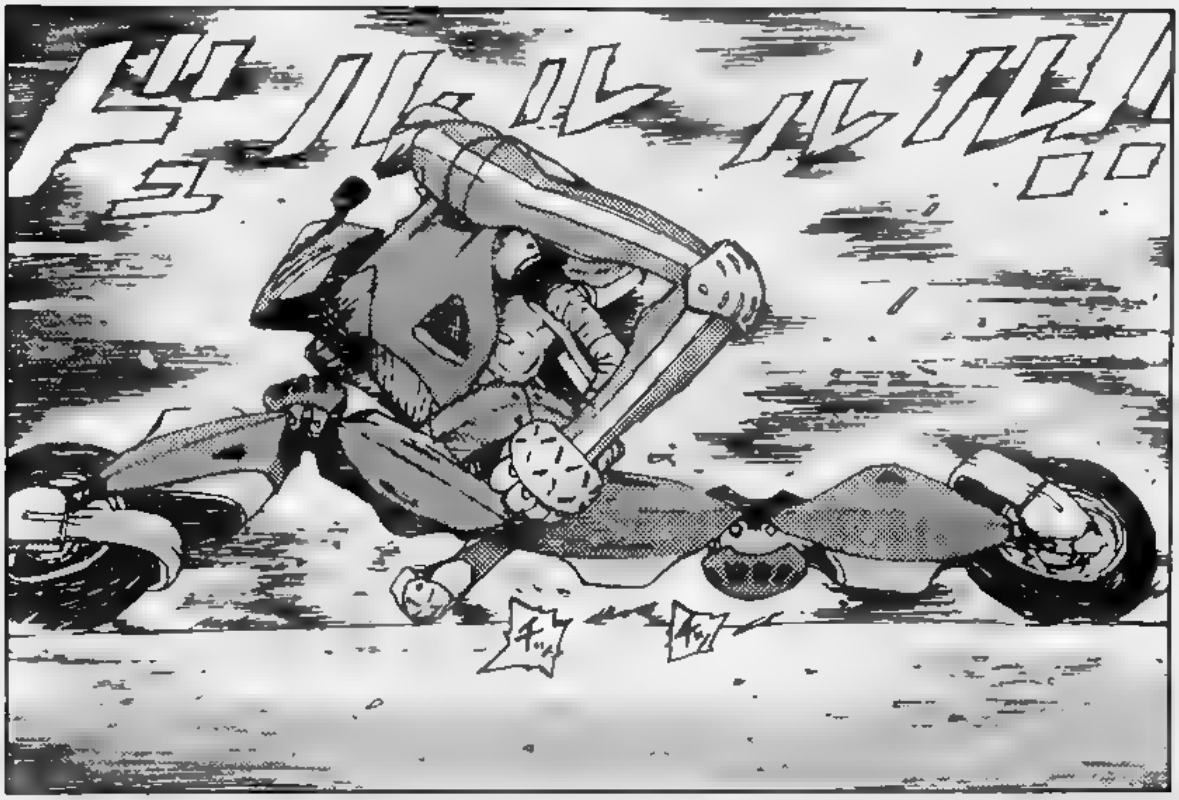

Ok!
We'll begin the race here!
We won't have to restart in front of the Ridaback Club.
Oh my, she...
Hey! Deciding on your own again?!
All right, I'll give you another lap as a handicap!
Form Change!



第3話　スプレッド・レッグス
Spread Legs

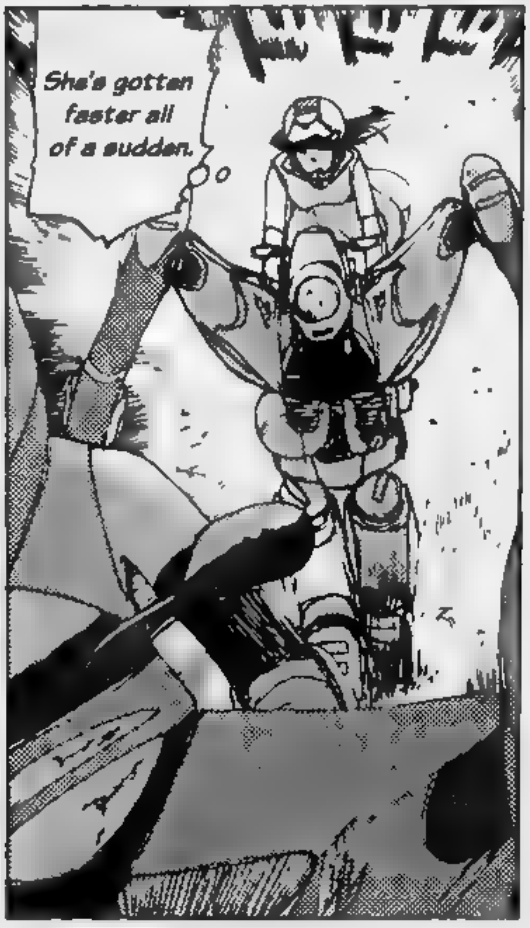


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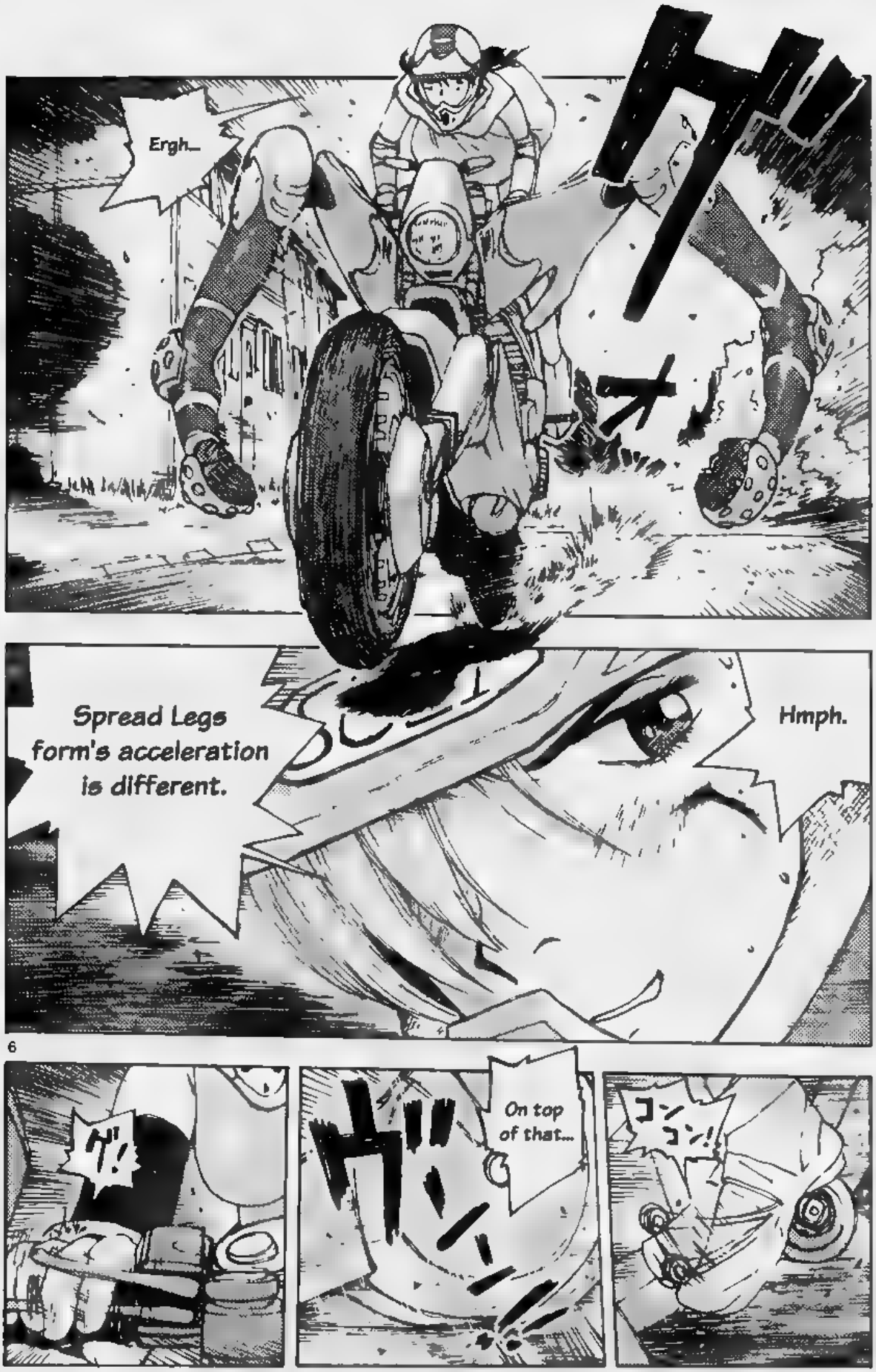

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The gap is steadily widening.

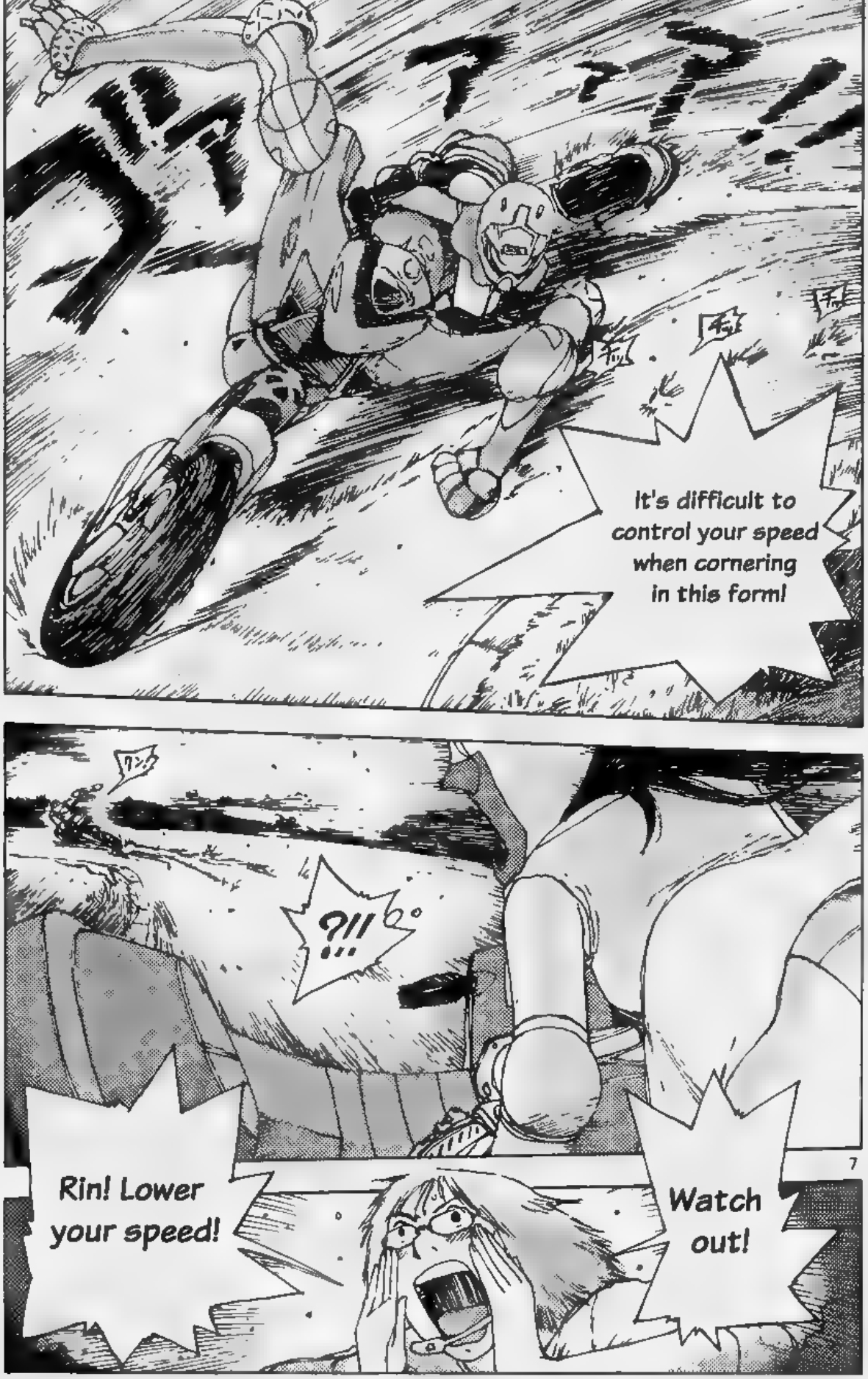

She's gotten faster all of a sudden.


Ah...
I'm a bit excited.

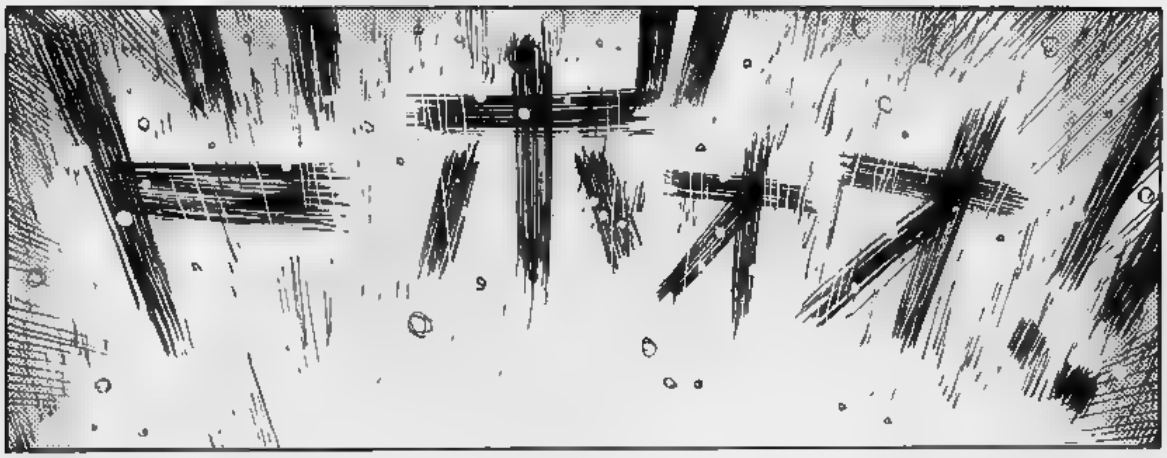

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Man, starting the race on their own AND changing the rules.
Seems like Tamayo isn't holding anything back, Hishida
Surprising to see that she's using the Spread Legs form against a novice opponent like Ogata.
Ugh.
Spread Legs...!


That's it!
It was in the magazine I found in Kenji's room yesterday.
By spreading your legs in front and behind you, you can achieve a form that lowers your center of gravity.
Form Change
Hmm, I think this is it.
condition gauge
S.L.F.

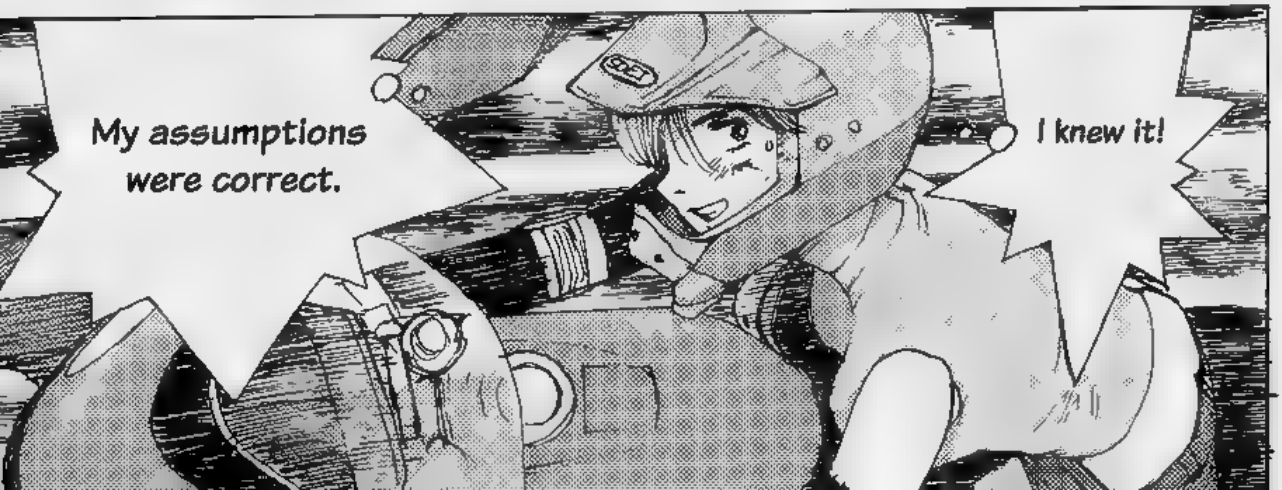

Ergh...
Spread Legs form's acceleration is different.
Hmph.
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On top of that...
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It's difficult to control your speed when cornering in this form!
?!!
Rin! Lower your speed!
Watch out!


I can't...
...make the turn!



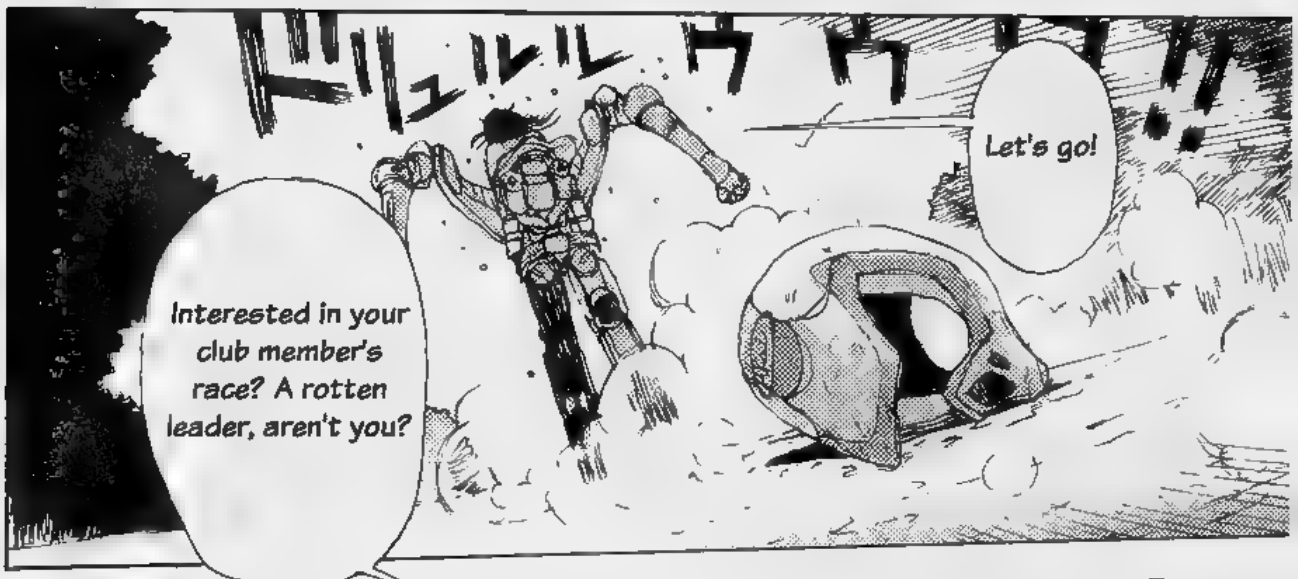

She can stay at the bottom of that pond.
If she's a weakling that needs to be saved from that,
Leave her be!
She flew into the pond! I gotta go help her!
This is a battle you shouldn't butt into.
?!!
Besides,


My assumptions were correct.
I knew it!


Normally, the S.L. form's low profile lets you increase your speed exceptionally,
That's right.
At first glance she's like a quiet lamb, but underneath she's different.
Oh, Okakura!
However, that novice only ended up getting a speed that threw her into the pond.
Under that mask...
She has fangs!
...no!
Ogata Rin is the servant I've wanted!


Come on, Fuego!
She's the soldier I wanted!
Akai


It can still move!
All right!
キュルルル
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キュルルル
Let's go!
Interested in your club member's race? A rotten leader, aren't you?

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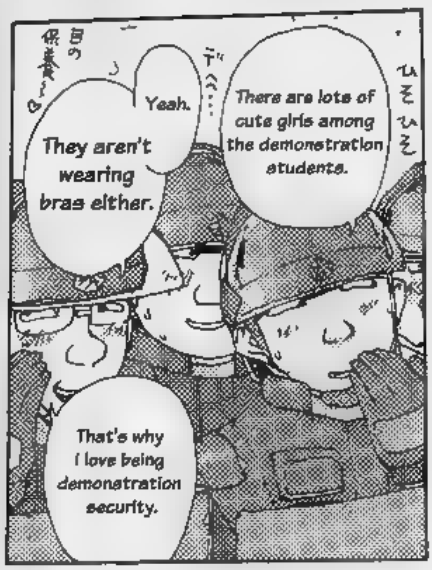

I'm pretty sure they have a demonstration march today.


So you're worried more about the Student Association?
Oh, I see.
You're wrong.


The energy will be high and the festival atmosphere will take control of the utterly powerless young people.
There are probably so many demonstrators there's little room to do anything. The riot police that show up simply have to watch.
世界統治軍は日本から出て行け!!!
の横暴をすな!!

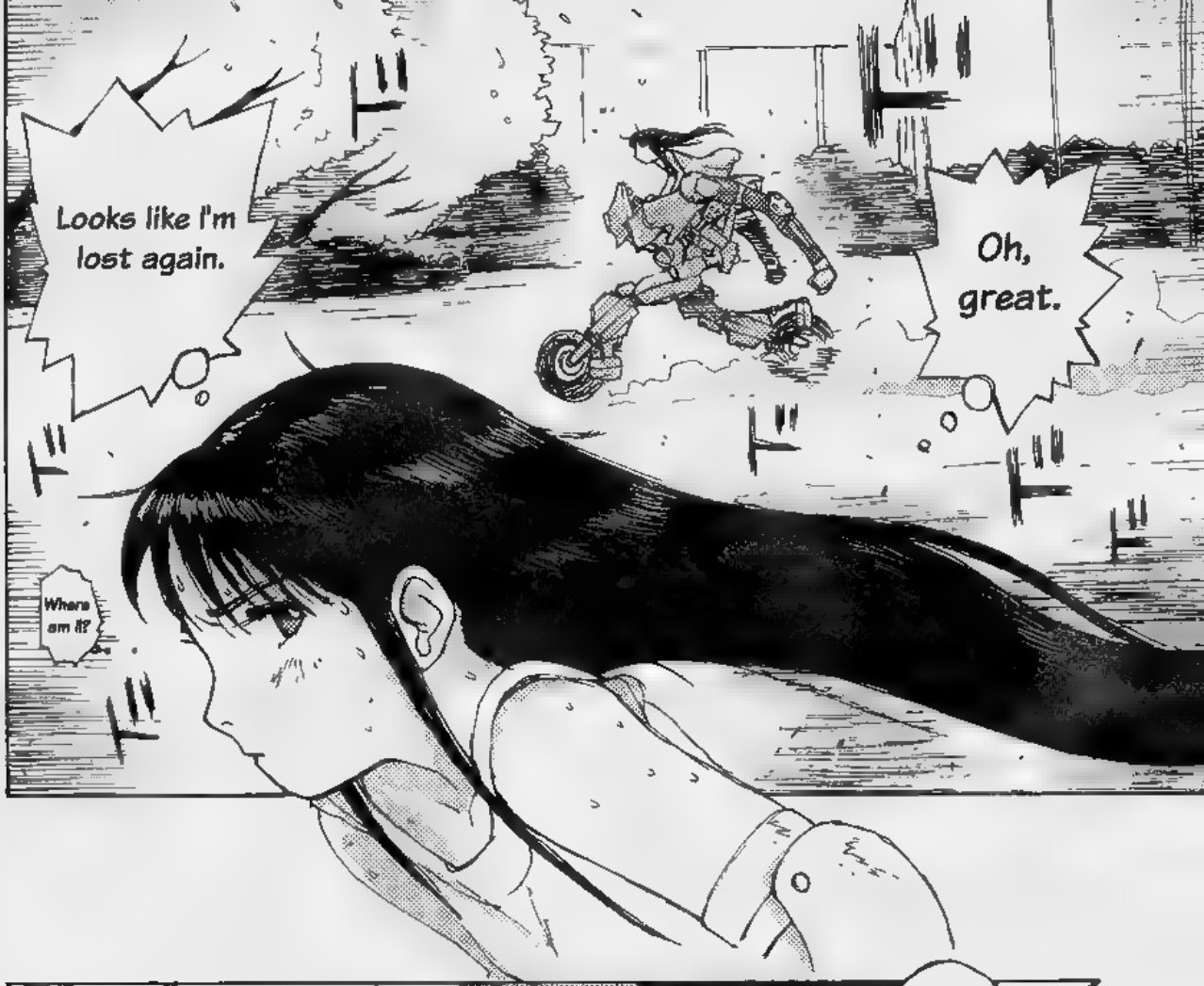

I don't buy into that sort of thing.
That's not what I'm saying.


Under those helmets, their minds are becoming enthralled with peace.


There are lots of cute girls among the demonstration students.
Yeah.
They aren't wearing bras either.
That's why I love being demonstration security.

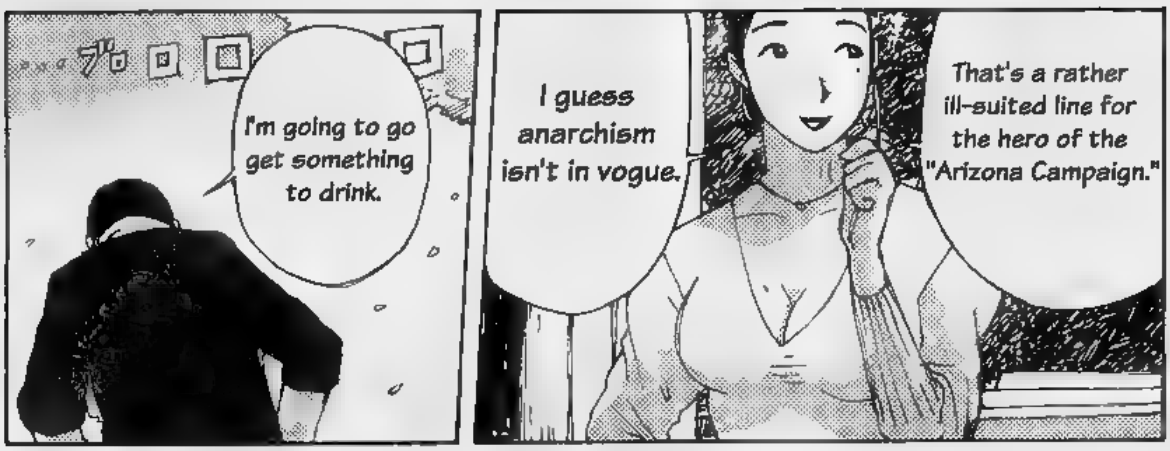

There'd be fatalities.
If they teamed with the BMA, do you really think it'd just be a festive atmosphere?
If it went that way, it would be good.
Ah! Here comes Tamayo!
WOW!

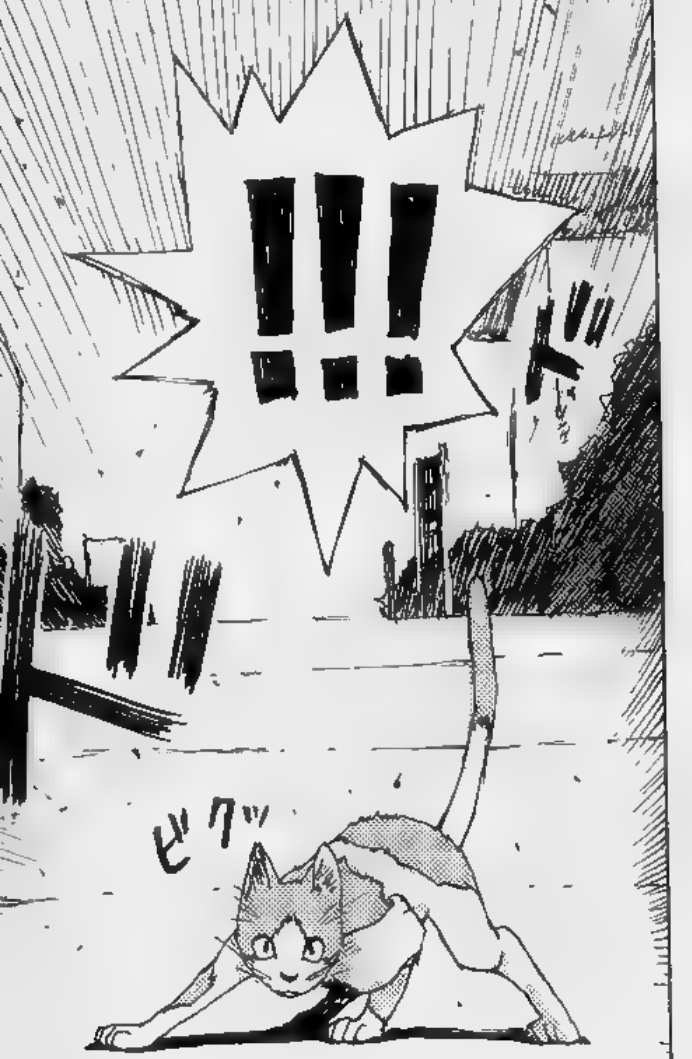

Anyway, where's that girl now?
SOEI
Incredible! You cut your lap time by 12 seconds, Tamayo!
Humph!
I haven't been able to contact her so I don't know.
On top of her on-board camera breaking when she flew into the pond
Let me see...
!?
I just have to finish the four laps at full power.
Well, whatever.
That girl's helmet!?
...!!


Looks like I'm lost again.
Oh, great.
Where am I?


I'd rather that you not involve me in it.
I don't know what you're up to with the student council but...
Prof. Yokoyama,

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I'm going to go get something to drink.
I guess anarchism isn't in vogue.
That's a rather ill-suited line for the hero of the "Arizona Campaign."


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ビク




No!
Did Rin drop out?
Her helmet was on the ground near the pond though.
What!?


I hope Rin and Fuego aren't still in the pond.
What a race this is.
If wonder if it's all right to not go and help her.
RYON


SOEI
Just three more laps!


Out of the way!
WHA!?

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The brakes won't make it either!
I can't swerve out of the way!


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A grand plié!


Use your entire body...
Fully extend your legs out without taking a step.
Keep the grand plié steady,
Then higher into a...
jeté!

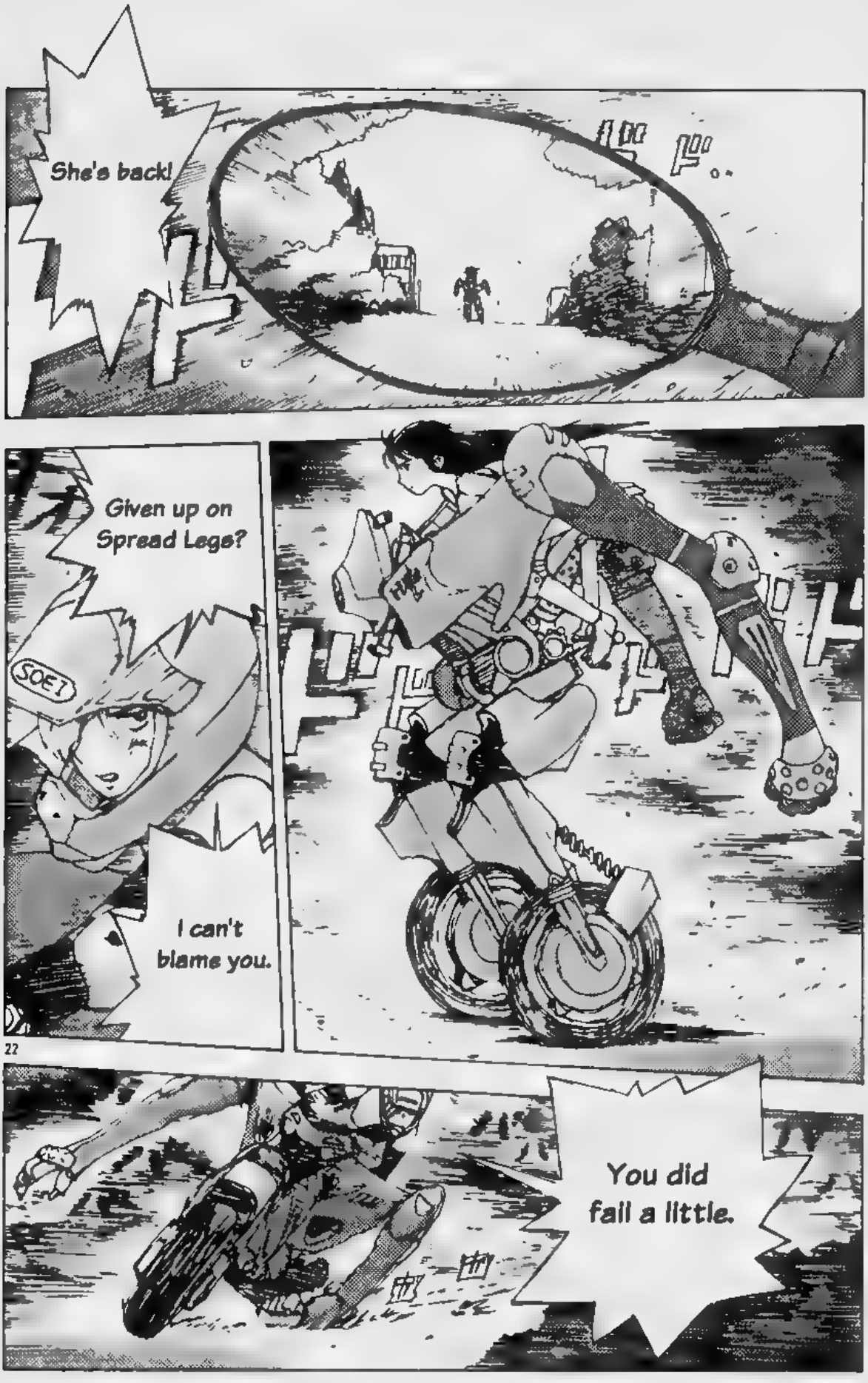


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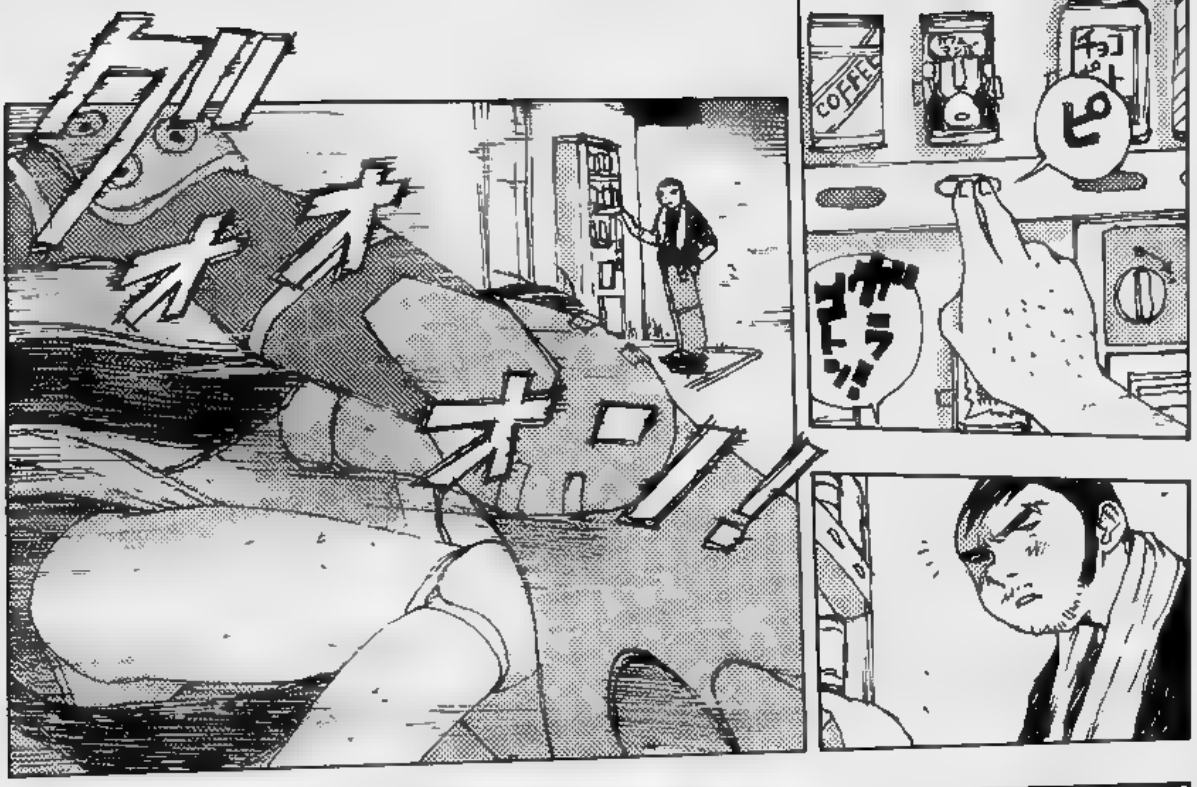



Two more laps!
Tamayo?
.....
I guess this race is over.
Tamayo.
Rin still has two laps.


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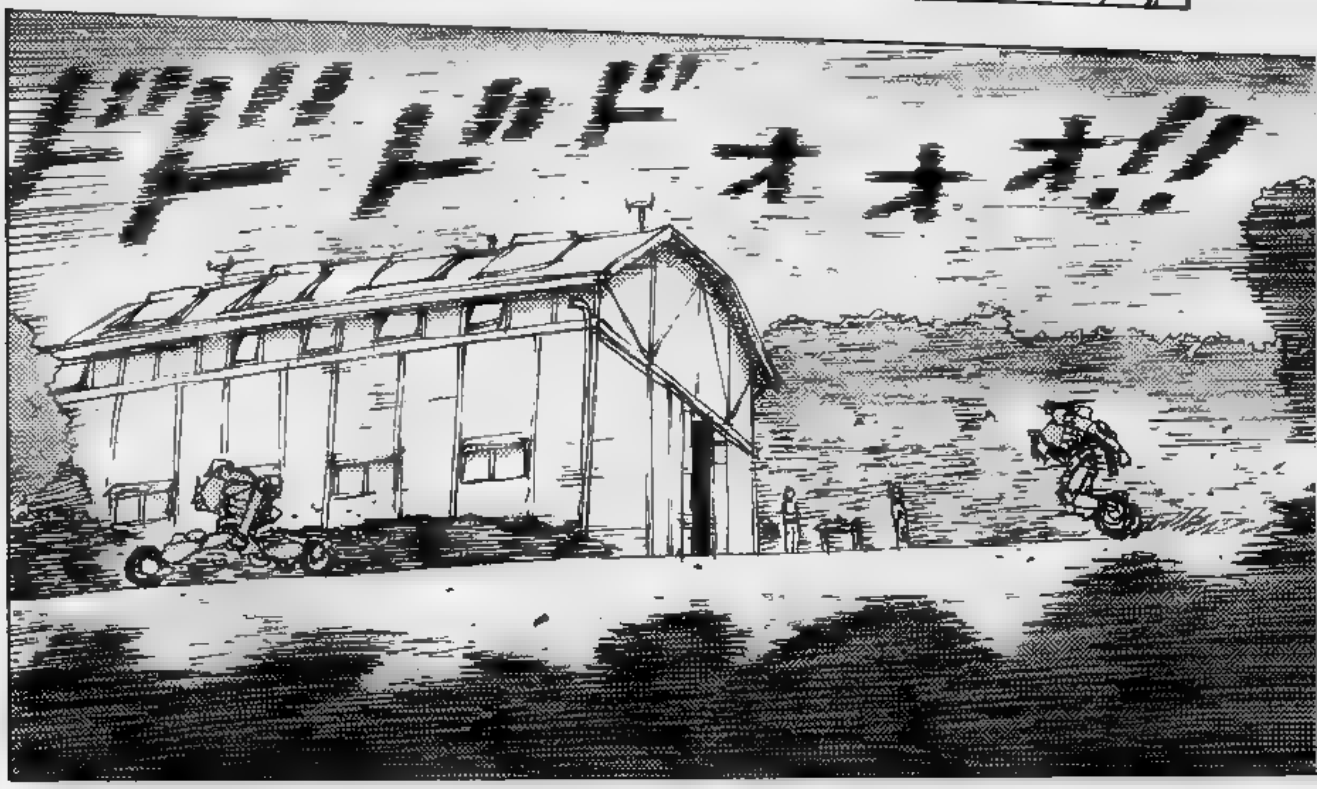

She's back!
Given up on Spread Legs?
SOE?
I can't blame you.
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You did fail a little.


A lot of people that boasted about their half-assed riding skill have said that!
"You're inferior," was it?
!?
I'll gladly accept your obedience after...
Well, I'll give you credit for your competitive spirit.
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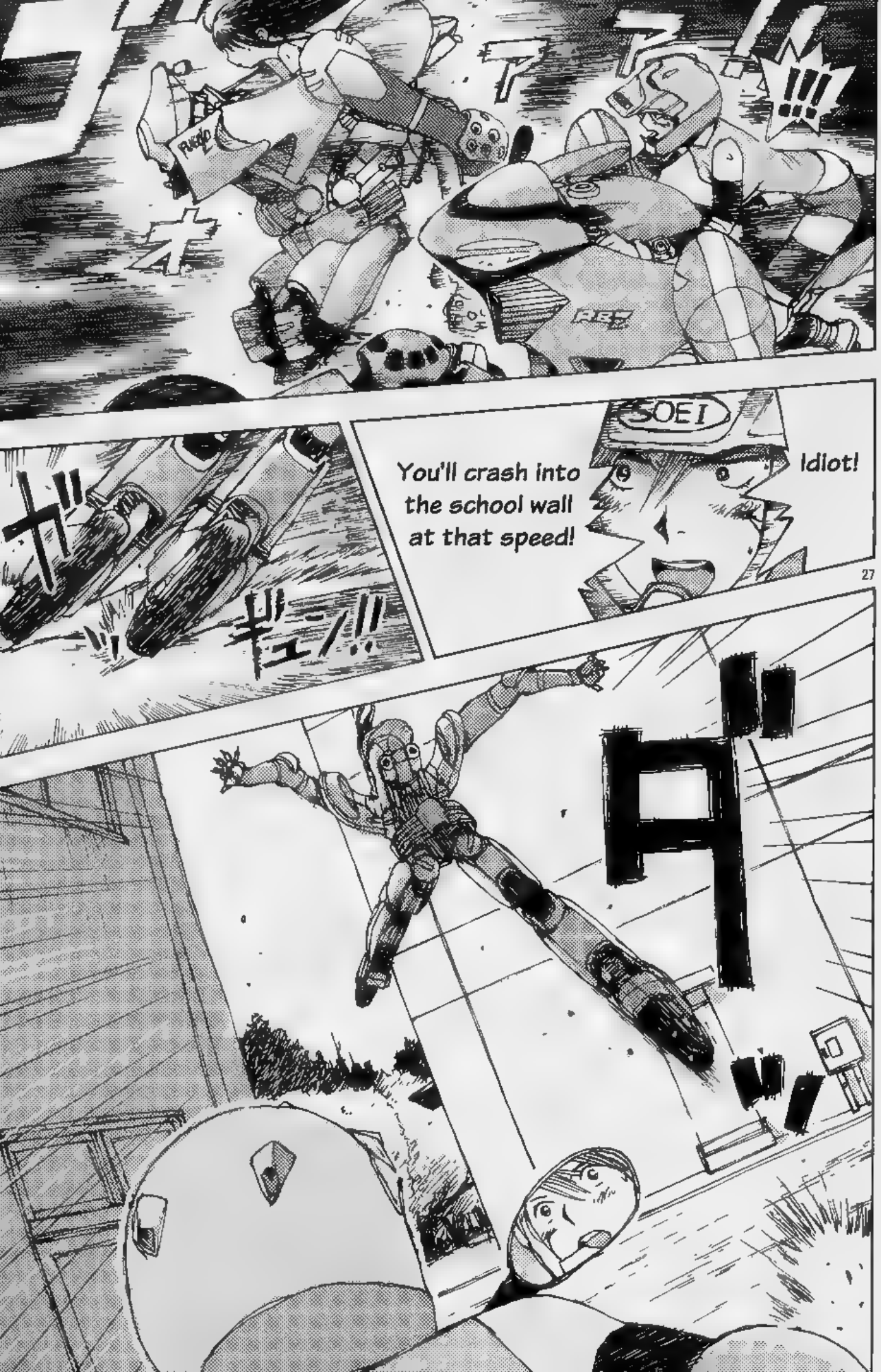


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And Rin's cool demeanor following her...
Still, Tamayo is in really incredible form today.
It'll be Tamayo's win just as we expected.
Rin has two laps and Tamayo is on her last lap.
Koshiwa
What's going on!?
No, on the cornering...
I can't seem to get past her!

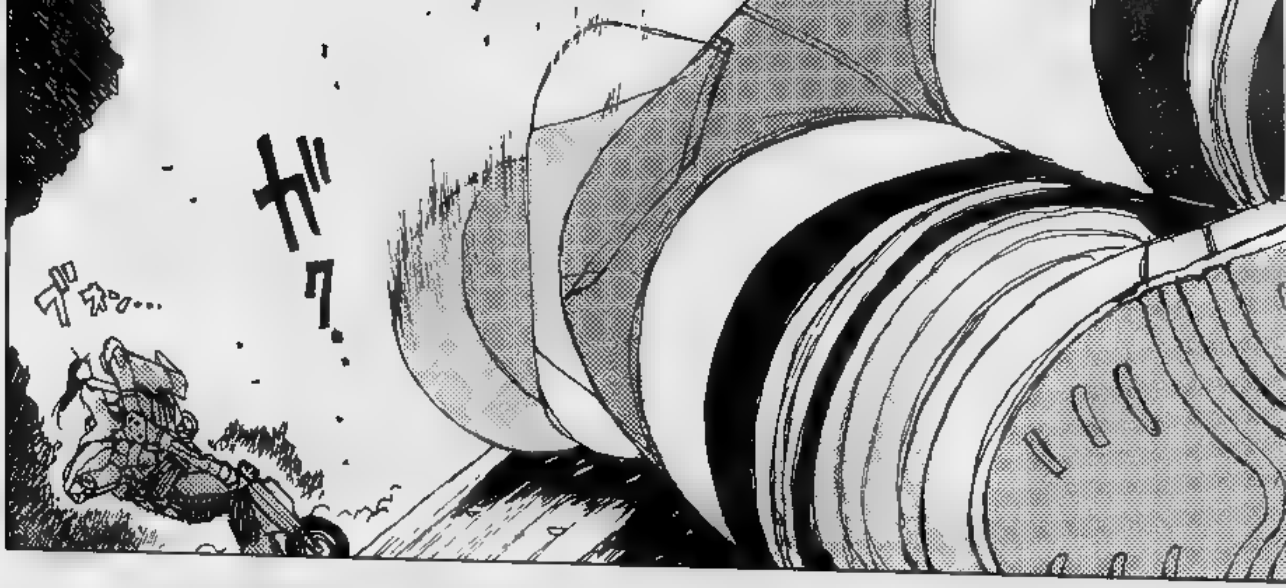
I'll narrow the distance!
Gr...
A hairpin turn!
Decelerate!


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SOEI
You'll crash into the school wall at that speed!
Idiot!
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That's crazy driving!
What?


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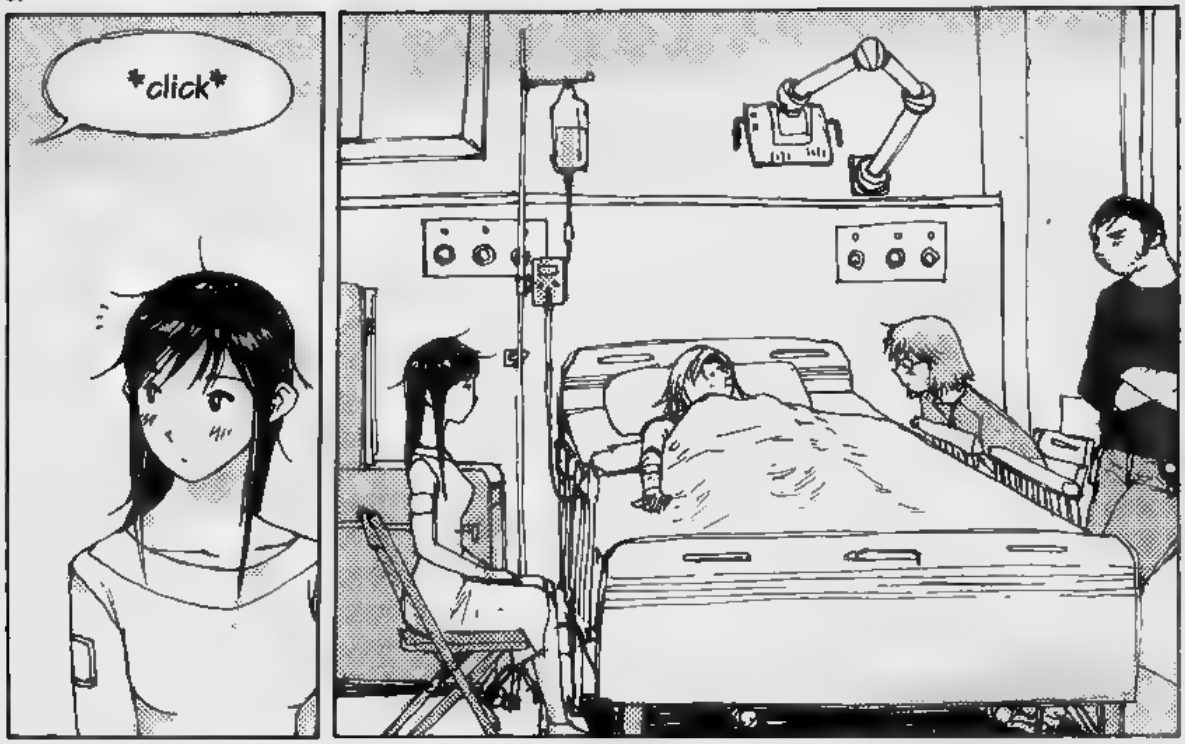

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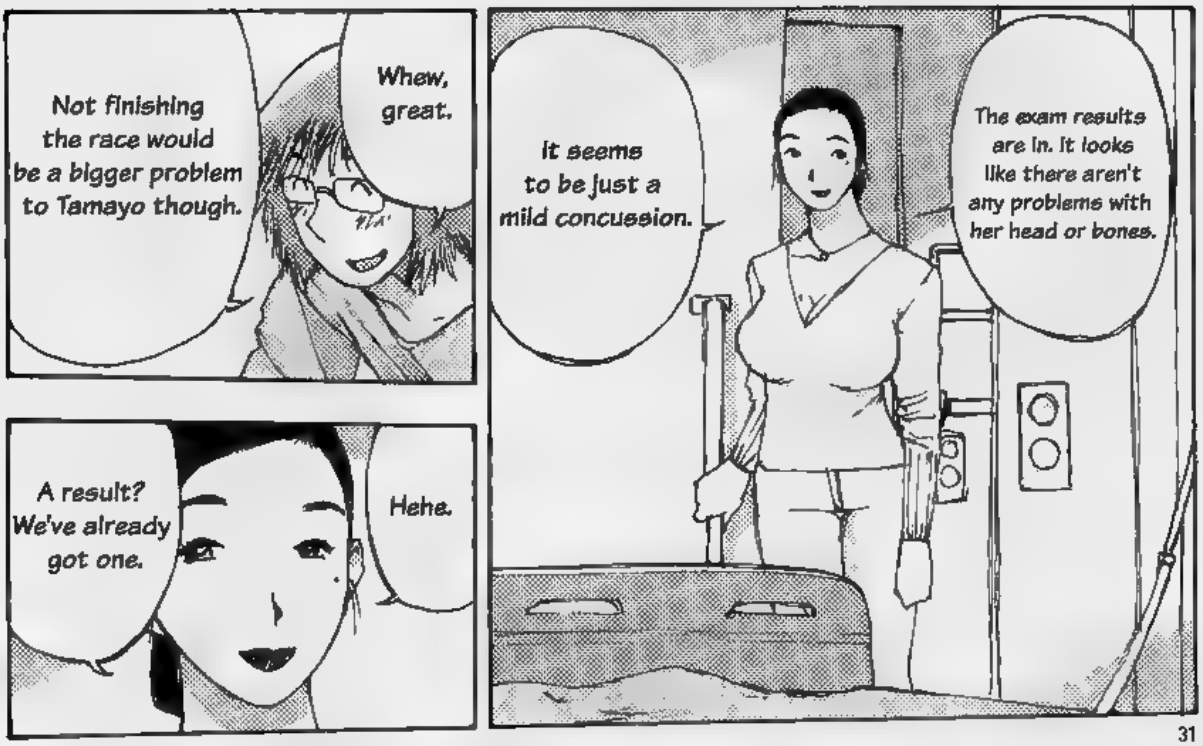






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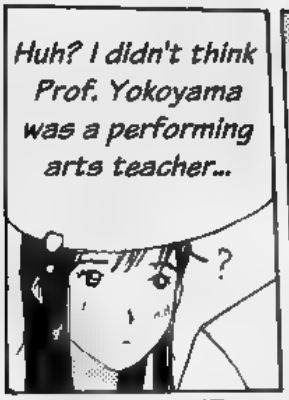

Not finishing the race would be a bigger problem to Tamayo though.
Whew, great.
It seems to be just a mild concussion.
The exam results are in. It looks like there aren't any problems with her head or bones.
A result? We've already got one.
Hehe.

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?
Mind coming with me?
Ogata.
S-sure.
I was the one that lost.
Idiot.
Oh, you're awake?
No way Rin could win...
Any way you cut that race,


I looked up to your mother.
I, myself, aspired to be a dancer a long time ago.

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Huh? I didn't think Prof. Yokoyama was a performing arts teacher...
?


However, now I'm doing a job closer to your father's.




So, after seeing the race today, I'd like you to be the star of this play.
It seems I'll be producing quite a play in the near future.
...!?



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Goblin



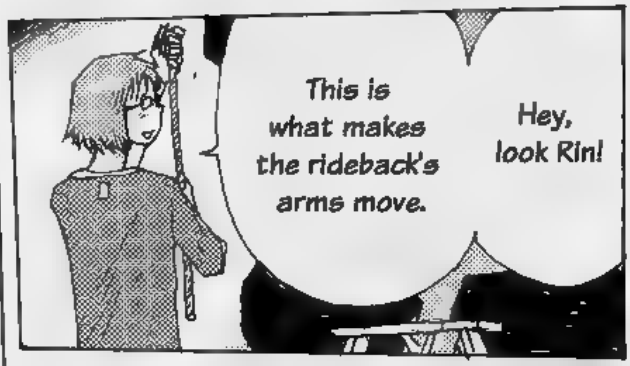


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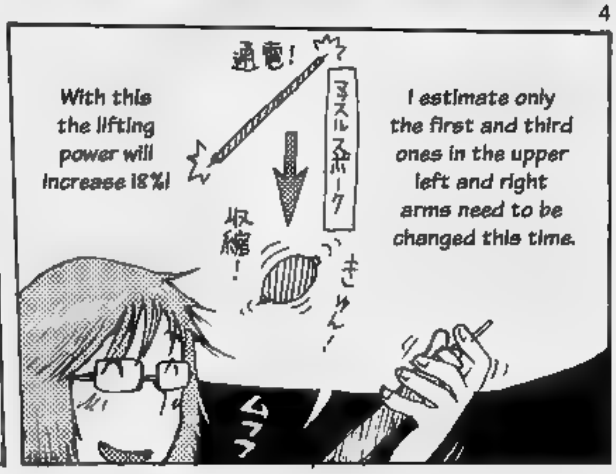



Well-produced goods do really turn out great.
Just what you'd expect from a Numbskull Muscle Spoke.
Aha.
Well, the price was pretty good too.
かぽ!
ハンドル・ハン・
Whoa, light!


Not interested!
Something smells again...


This is what makes the rideback's arms move.
Hey, look Rin!

4


With this the lifting power will increase 18%!
通電!
マッスルスポーク
収縮!
きゅん!
I estimate only the first and third ones in the upper left and right arms need to be changed this time.
ムフフ


I see Chief Okakura didn't come in today.
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He's developed a rather peculiar network here.
There we go.
He had an odd look on him.
Connect it here...
He's busy with something.
Ah, yeah.

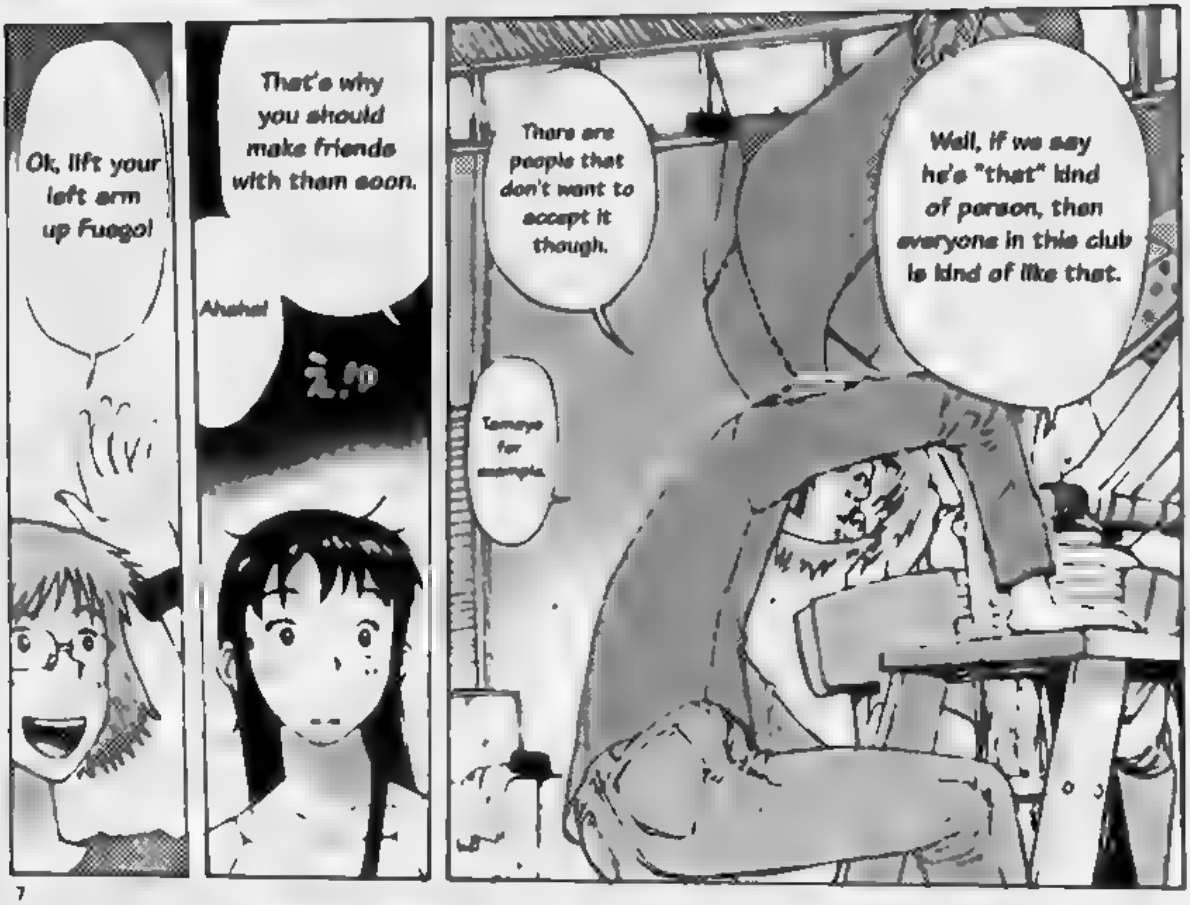

I don't really know much about the Chief.
Really, beyond his interest in ridebacks,


His knowledge as a Ride Tech, not just mecha in general, is nothing to laugh at.
I don't worry about what's beyond my power.
I think it's better that way.

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I see.
...military?
He knows a lot about knives, heavy weapons, and anything weapon-related. He seems to have actual experience using them too.
It's not only ridebacks; he seems to know the military well.


Woohoo!
パチン!
All set.


Ok, lift your left arm up Fuego!
That's why you should make friends with them soon.
Ahaha!
えっ?
There are people that don't want to accept it though.
Wait, if we say he's "that" kind of person, then everyone in this club is kind of like that.
Tomoya for example.

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Me? Be friends with "those" types!?
Why?
What? It didn't respond!
しーん..


The Rideback Club!?
Don't "Shhh!" me! Jeez...
You're too loud, Shouko!
Shhh!
So, did you join them already?
第五限
狩野クラス
Aグループ
3番室にて自主バーレッスン


Whew, I'm glad about that.
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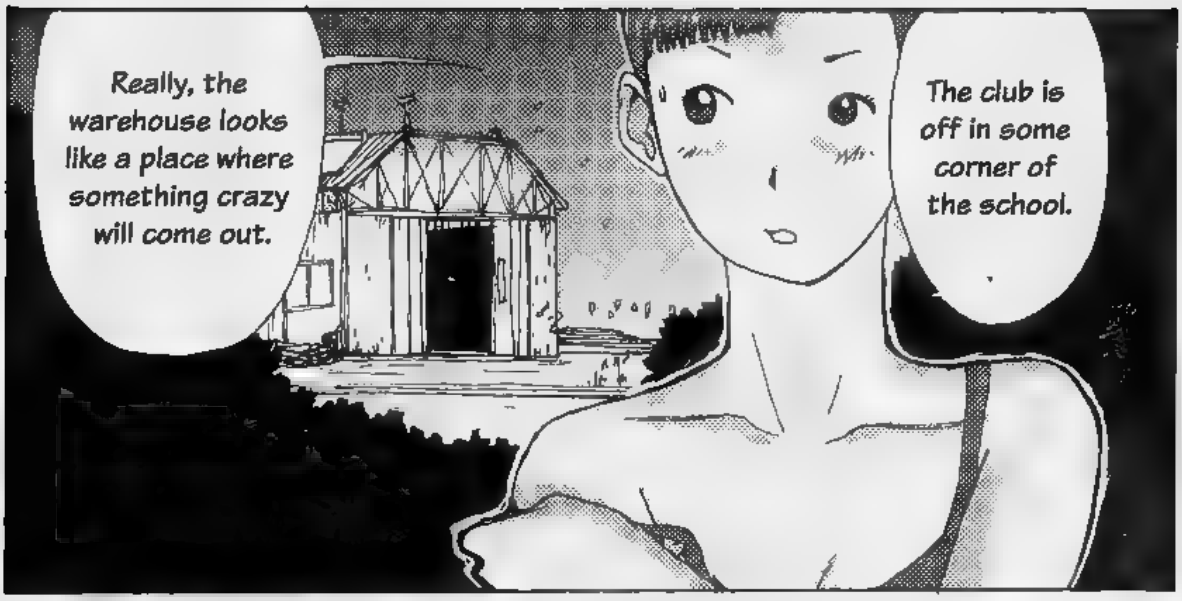

For now, joining them is...
...something I haven't done yet.


What? Why!?
That means you can just stop going.

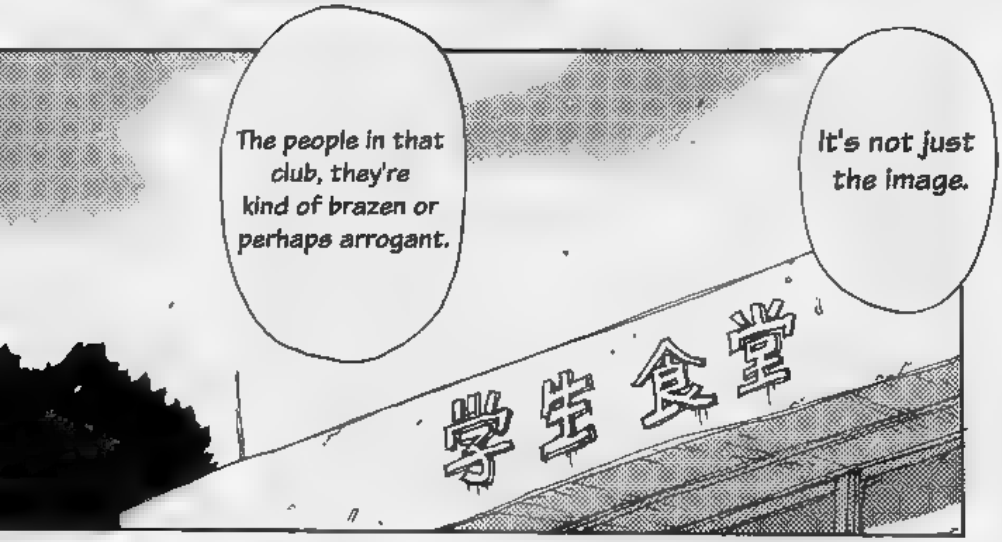
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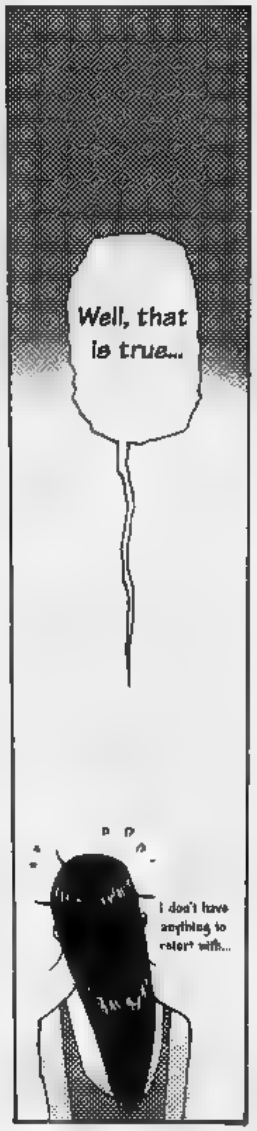

Really?
Yes, really!
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You really don't know anything, Rin!

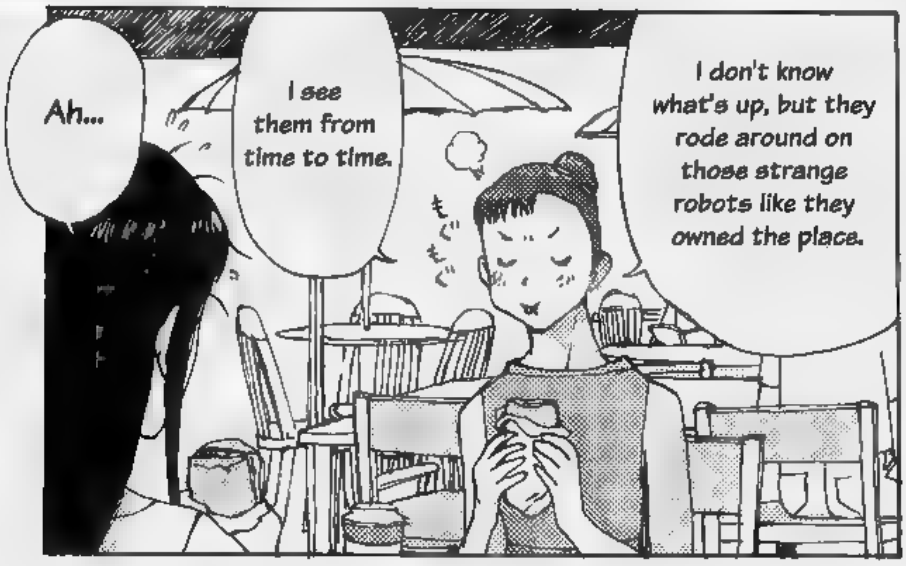

Well, when people talk about ridebacks,
It sounds like a toy a gang or otaku would be into.
Anyway, its image is really bad.


Really, the warehouse looks like a place where something crazy will come out.
The club is off in some corner of the school.

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The people in that club, they're kind of brazen or perhaps arrogant.
It's not just the image.
学生食堂


Well, that is true...
I don't have anything to retort with...

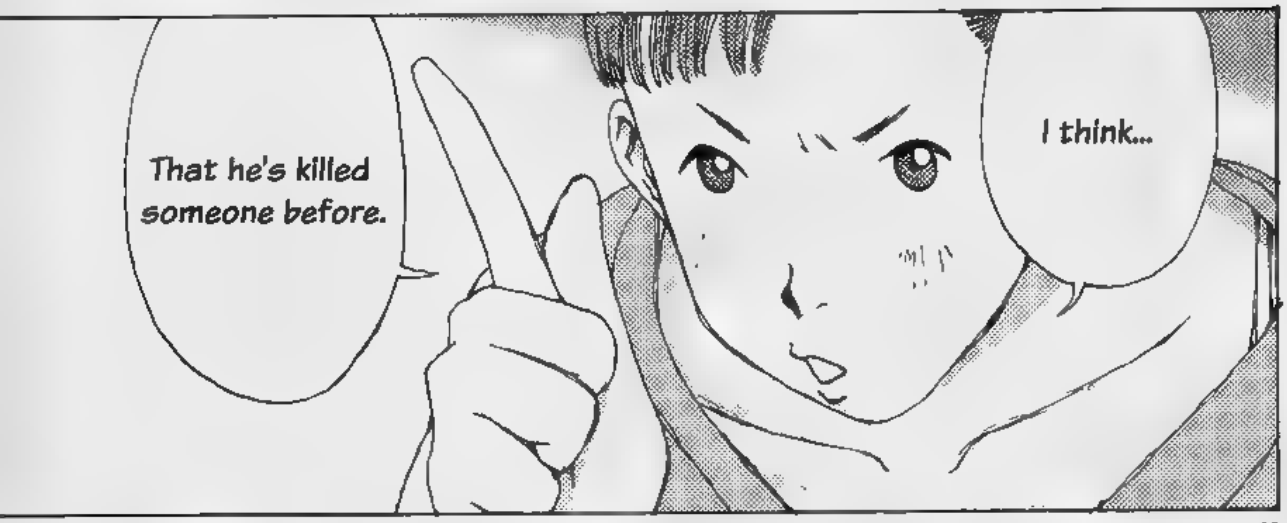

Ah...
I see them from time to time.
I don't know what's up, but they rode around on those strange robots like they owned the place.


The other day, I saw a gorilla-looking man.
He was riding around and making an unsightly disturbance.

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That's probably Chief Otakura.
Gorilla-like man...


Chief?
I see.
So that's the circle's club leader
At first glance...
He had this look where you couldn't tell what he's feeling.
And you couldn't tell where his eyes were looking.


I think...
That he's killed someone before.


Killed someone, you said!?


Eh, I'm probably just thinking too deep.
I can't really deny that...


I hate that!
Judging people based on what they look like?
Tamayo!

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It's just something...
Brawl? Saved you?
It was the Chief that came and saved you!
Have you forgotten the brawl in front of the main gate, Ogata?
I'm sorry...

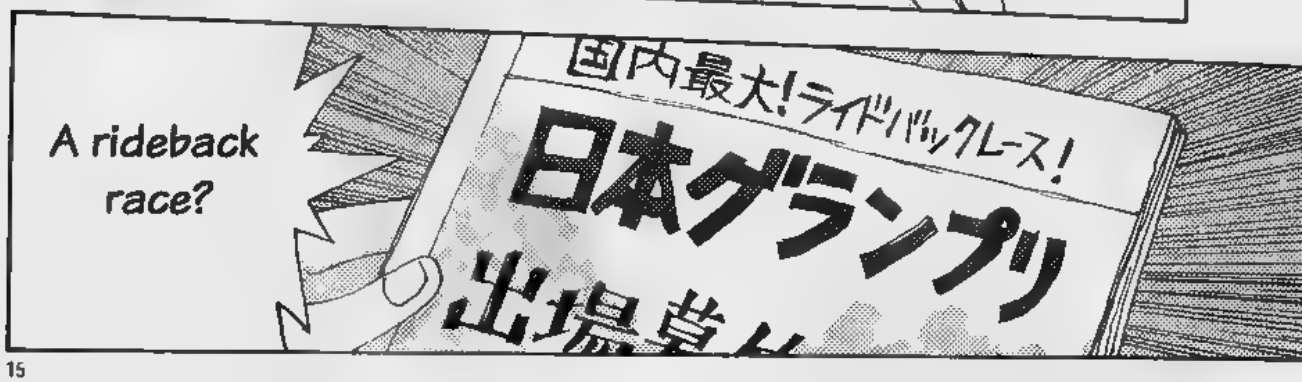

Even though he helps people, he won't let anyone get close to him.
He... Chief Okakura...
He won't get close to others.
He's serious, clumsy, and rugged.
He lives all by himself, silently.
Ah...
He's that kind of person.

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Ye-yeah.
I'll tell you this! I hate that kind of indecisive man!
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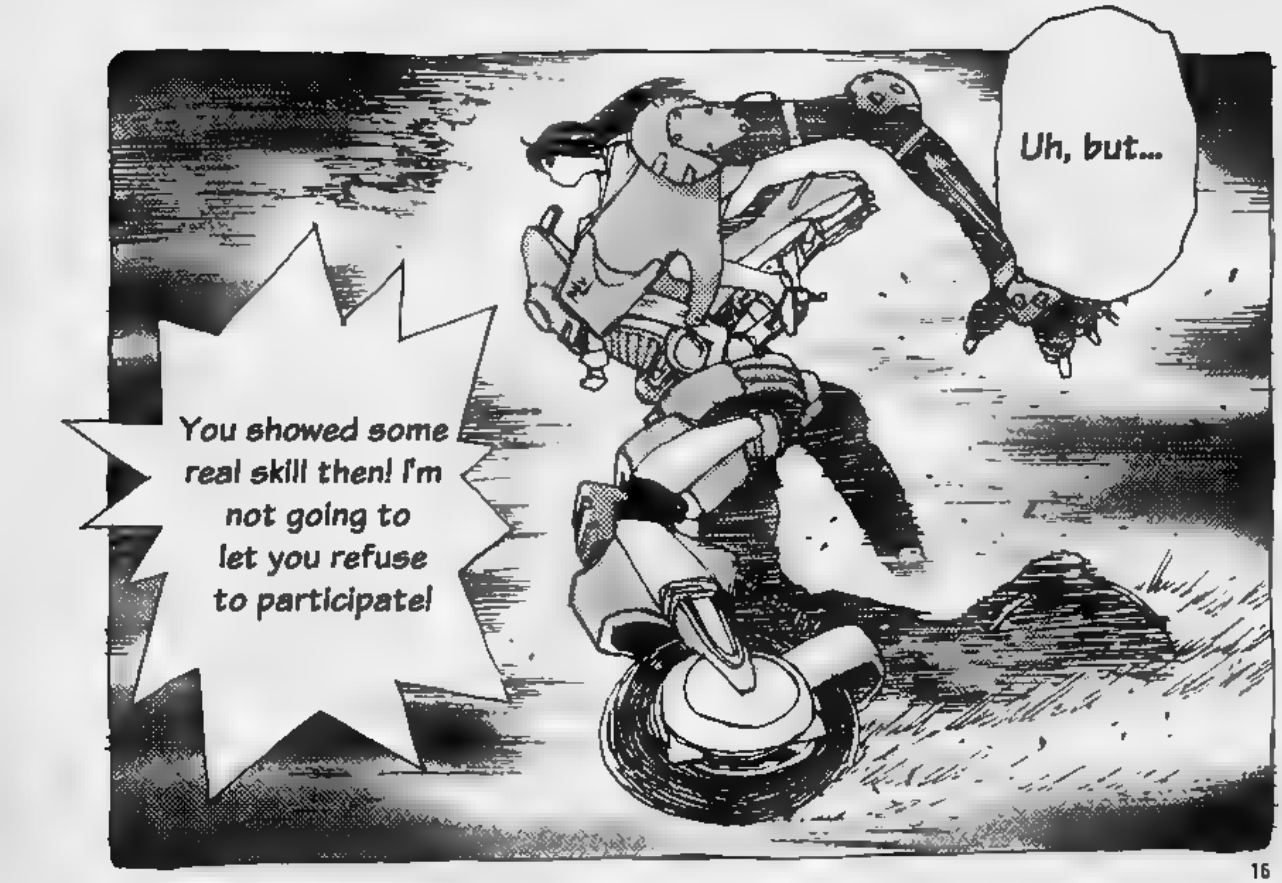

What I wanted to tell you wasn't about the Chief!
It was this!
Oh yeah!


Huh?

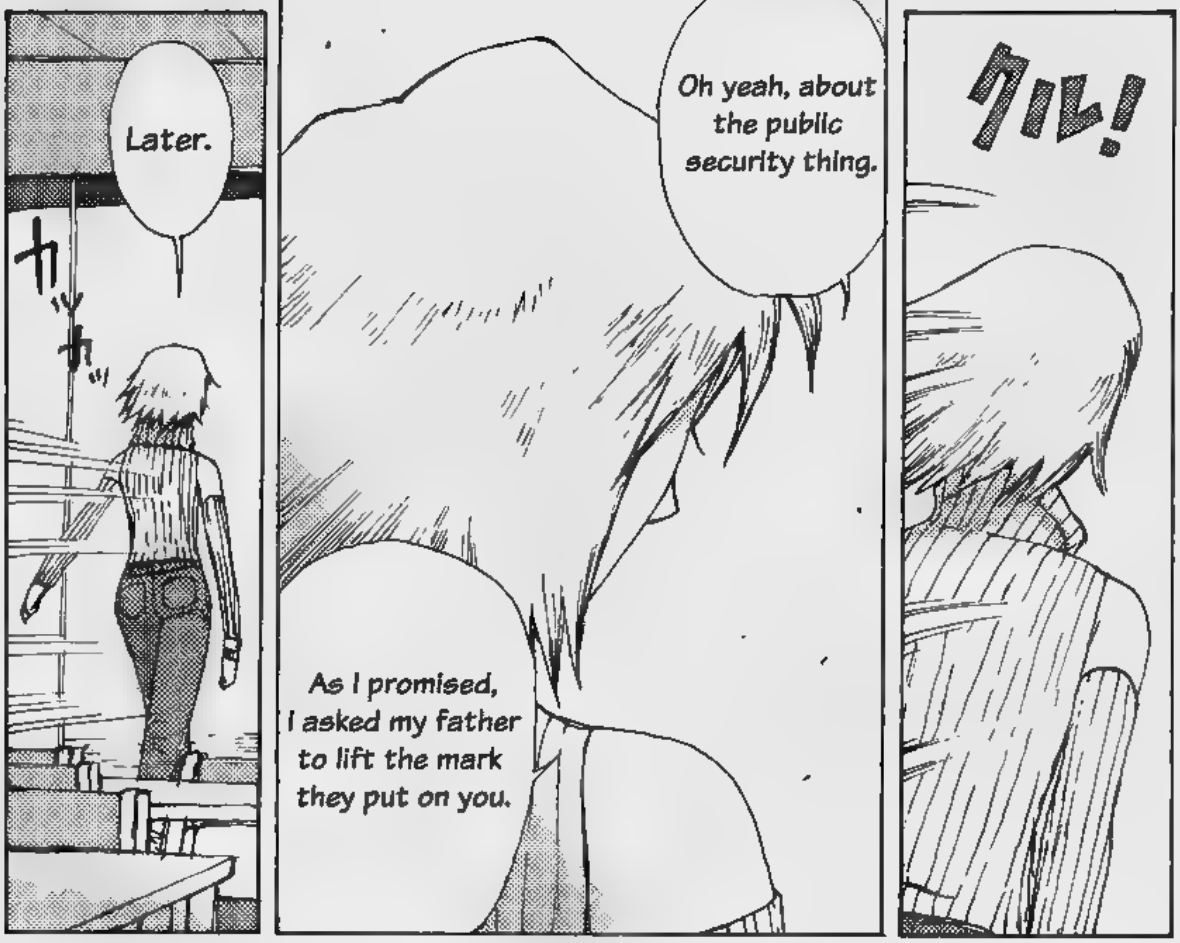

A rideback race?
国内最大!ライドバックレース!
日本グランプリ

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The actual race is in September!
Yeah! Preliminaries are next month!


Uh, but...
You showed some real skill then! I'm not going to let you refuse to participate!

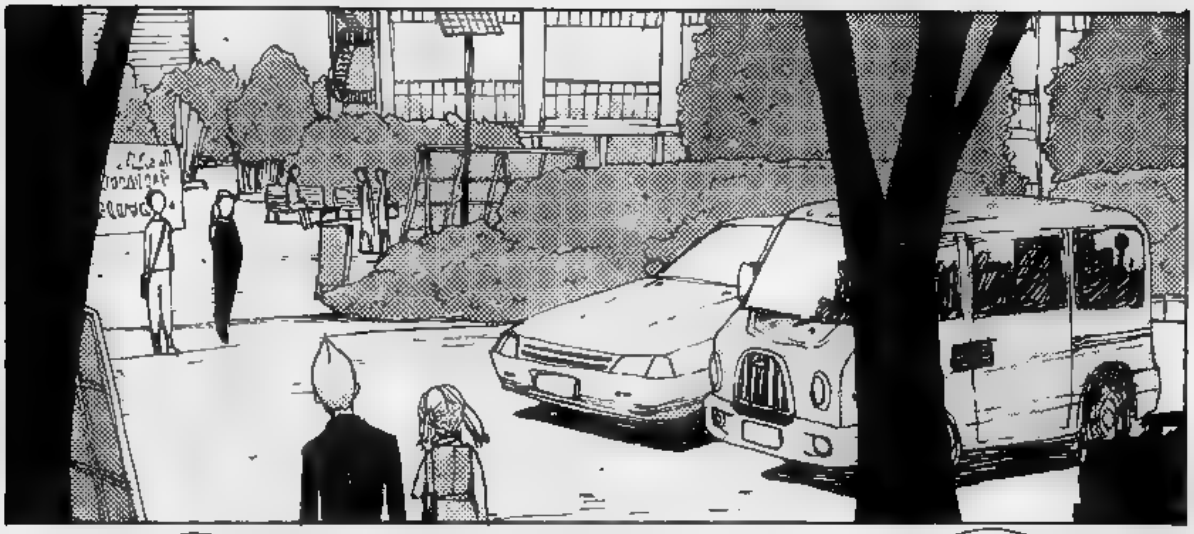

And win!
You better enter that race!


Later.
Oh yeah, about the public security thing.
As I promised, I asked my father to lift the mark they put on you.
クルル!


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She's always like that.
It's ok.
What was that just now?
Haha, kind of tiring though.




The Rideback Club members, I mean.
I guess they're trouble, aren't they?


Dangerous, eh?


Me too.
If you had that personality Rin, I couldn't take it.


Anyway, about that Brawl and public security thing. You haven't gotten into something dangerous, have you?


I've been a dance partner and your friend since middle school!
I got it!
I, Uemura Shouko, never leaves a friend in need!


I mean, if that strict grandma of yours found out about this it'd be a problem.

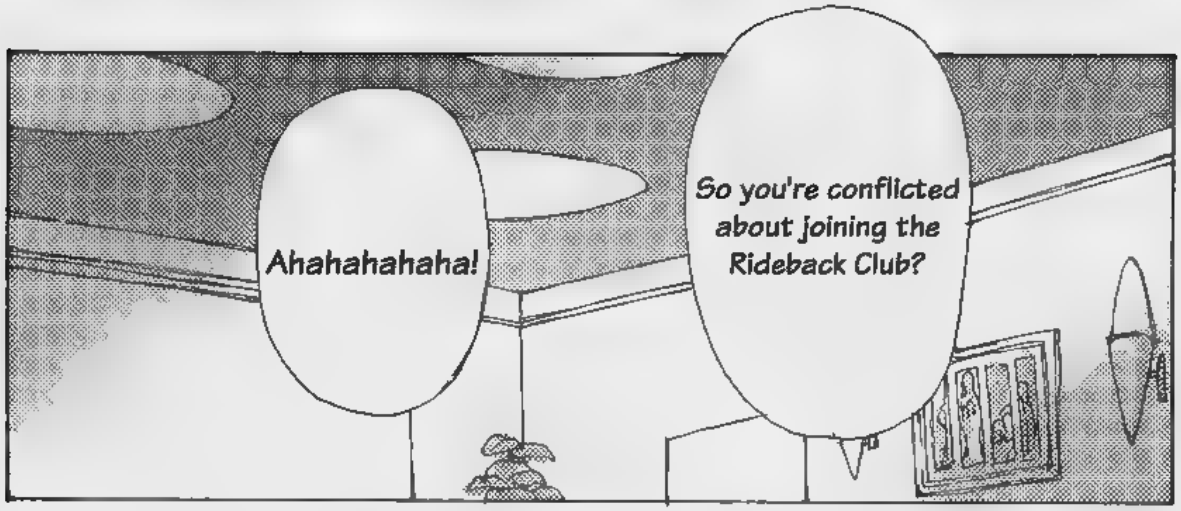

Little brother? You mean Kenji, the guy that got into a fight before?
My grandma would probably... my little brother...


He'd kill me if he found out.
You snuck into his room and looked a rideback magazine?

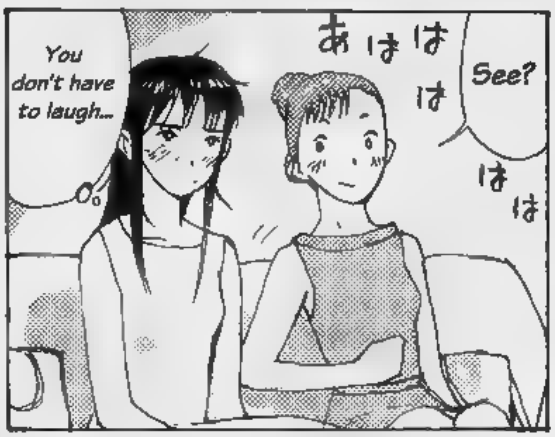

冒険
The Adventure Ci
The Adventure Circle!?
歓迎!
Come


What? Where?
Come with me!
Just come with me!

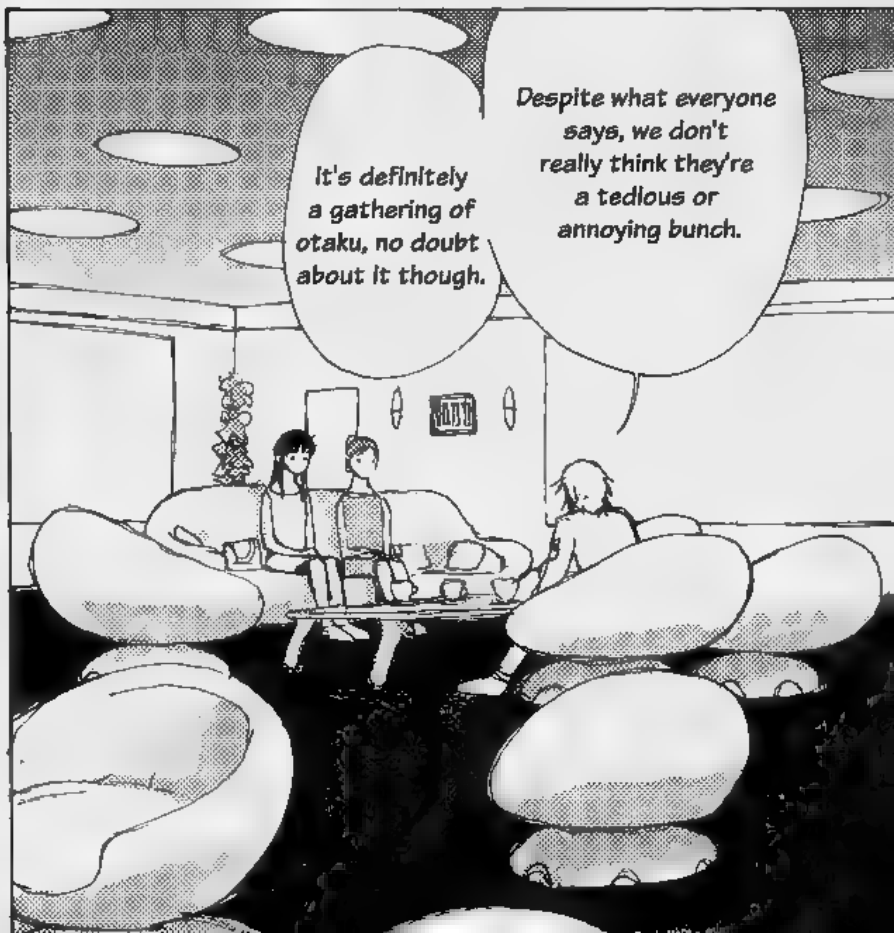

I was just thinking of joining too.
I definitely recommend this circle.
Well, recommendations are...
Ah! Iwase!
If you quit that club and come here...
What are you saying, Shouko?
Absolutely recommend, eh?
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Well, those guys can't really compare though.
This is the Adventure Circle.
Welcome.


Ahahahahaha!
So you're conflicted about joining the Rideback Club?


How should I put it... you're a lot more courageous than you look.
Hahaha... I'm sorry.

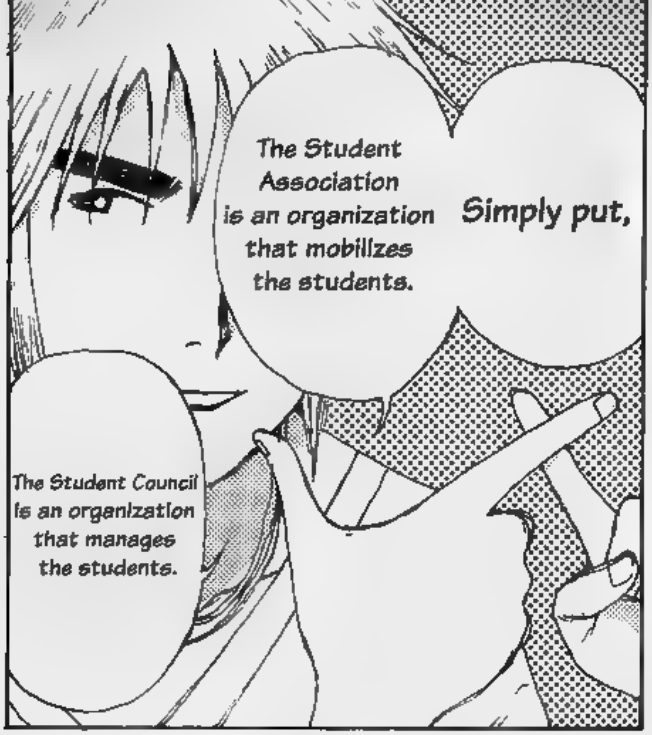

You don't have to laugh...
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See?
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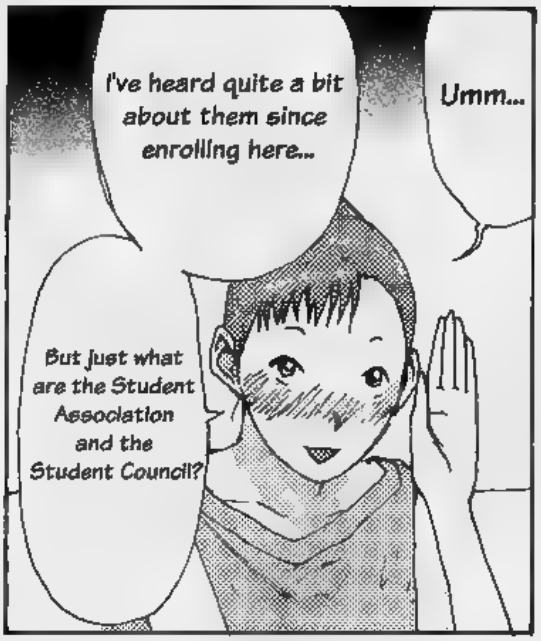

Well, they contribute quite well to putting up the Student Association's signs.
Using something that high-tech to just put up signs is a kind of a stupid scene though.


It's definitely a gathering of otaku, no doubt about it though.
Despite what everyone says, we don't really think they're a tedious or annoying bunch.


That club was started by him.
Oh, is that so?
Now that I think about it...
I was surprised to see that caveman was the club leader.
I thought he wasn't as stupid as he looked.
He seemed like he was only a little smarter than a monkey though, hahaha.


Heh,
He probably just used his scary mug.
.....
Normally, that wouldn't happen.
They're a new club and yet they got the student council and the Student Association to accept a club place at that site.


The Student Association is an organization that mobilizes the students.
Simply put,
The Student Council is an organization that manages the students.


I've heard quite a bit about them since enrolling here...
Umm...
But just what are the Student Association and the Student Council?


'sup! Welcoming new members?
To be more precise on that...hey, look who's here!
If there are activities you want to put on, it's all the Student Association though.

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The rumors about all the club members here being cool were true!

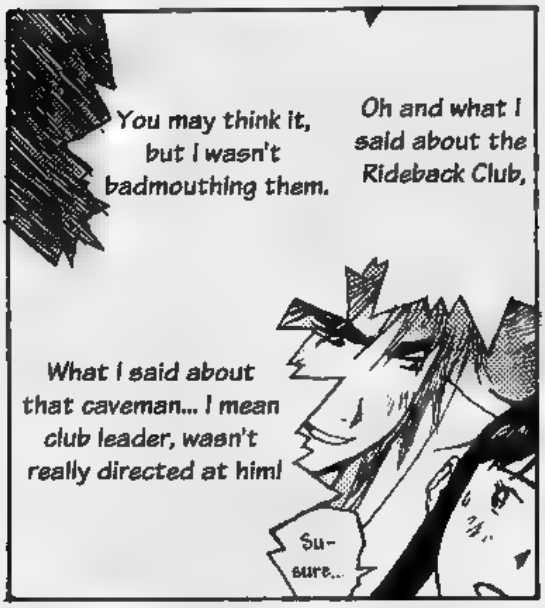

Welcome ladies.


What?
Come here for a sec!
OH SHIT!
I'm fairly sure she's...
That long-haired girl on the left over there...


Yeah, doesn't seem like it.
I'm sure though! I'm sure I saw her at the incident!
WHA!?
She's the one in the rumors of a rideback that got into it with the police!?


Sorry!
Sorry!
Hey!


We can spare ourselves the trouble.
Why'd that girl come here!?


You may think it, but I wasn't badmouthing them.
Oh and what I said about the Rideback Club,
What I said about that caveman... I mean club leader, wasn't really directed at him!
Su-sure..

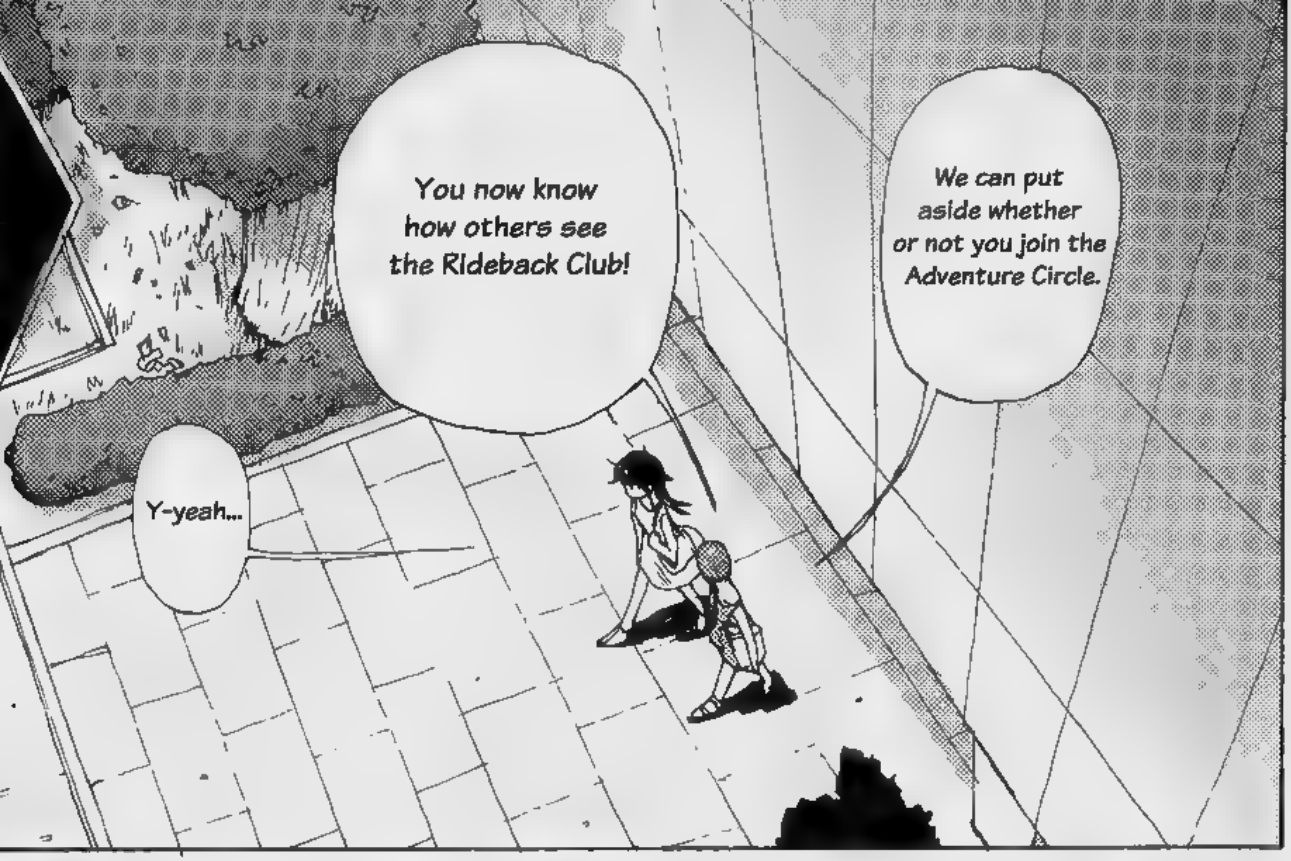

Changing clubs is serious so best to think it over some!
We have some sudden business!
There must be a club out there that suits you much better!
We wanted to talk to you some more but it's too bad.

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It feels kind of like they chased us out though...
You hear that? They wanted to talk to us more!
I'm so impressed!

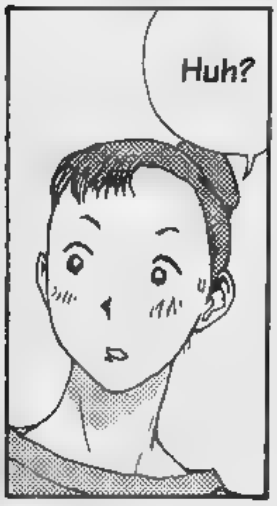

Well then!


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You now know how others see the Rideback Club!
We can put aside whether or not you join the Adventure Circle.
Y-yeah...

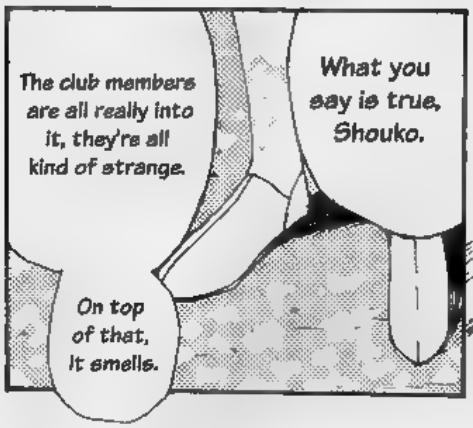

Even though I've heard from you and the Adventure Circle guys that the Rideback Club is a bad club...


It looked like you had no reaction to them at all.
I mean, we got to talk to such a wonderful guy today.
Your outlook on things has been odd for ages though, Rin.
.....


Huh?


I might be strange.
Yeah...


Wha?
Why would that be?


The club members are all really into it, they're all kind of strange.
What you say is true, Shouko.
On top of that, it smells.


So then...
It's definitely not a group you'd recommend to someone.
I'm really sorry!

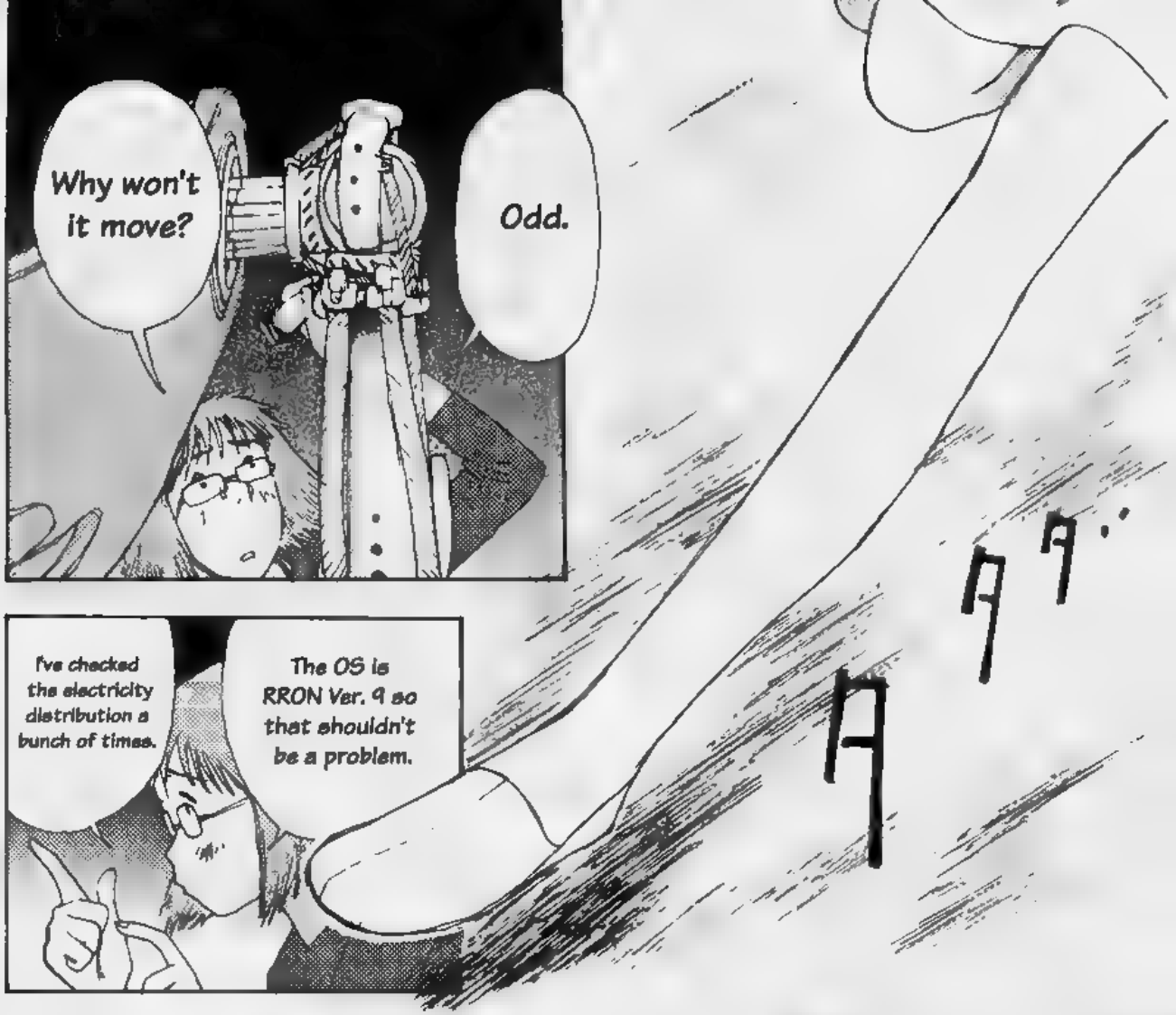

I've really gotten interested in the Rideback Club.
It's actually the opposite.

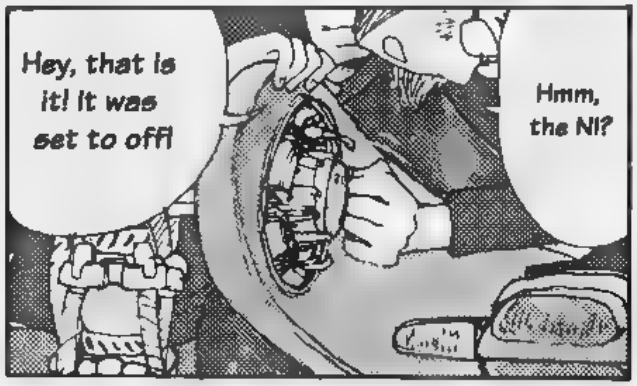

I'm gonna to take a look at Rideback Club.
Sorry, but I'm gonna head back early today.

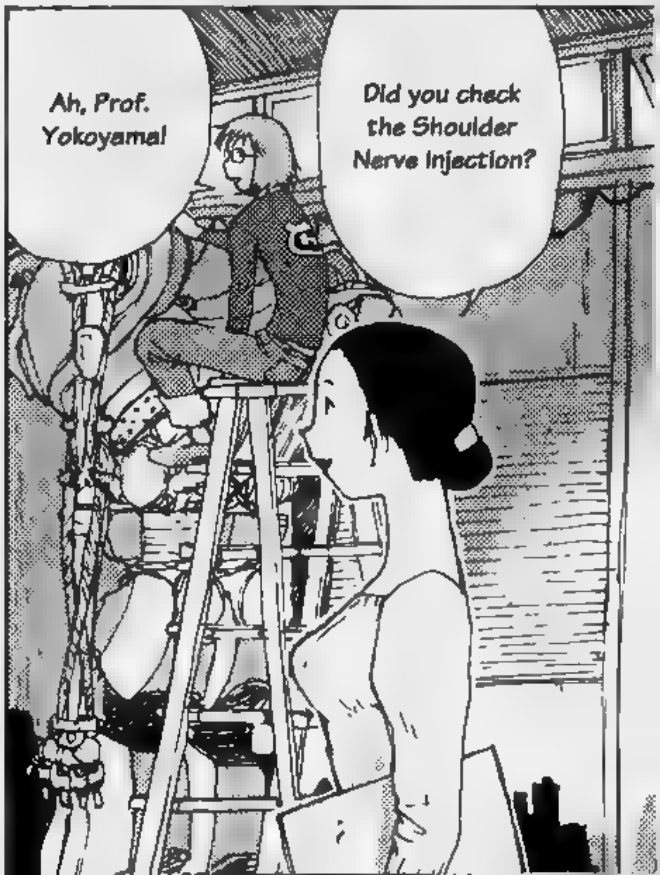

I'll call you later!
Wait!
Ah, Rin!


I don't really understand it myself.
When Hishida was working Fuego's arm,
I just had this worried feeling about whether or not it'd work again.


Aw, geez!
If something happens later,
I'm not going to save ya!


Why won't it move?
Odd.
I've checked the electricity distribution a bunch of times.
The OS is RRON Ver. 9 so that shouldn't be a problem.


Hey, that is it! It was set to off!
Hmm, the NI?


Ah, Prof. Yokoyama!
Did you check the Shoulder Nerve Injection?


Teryan Kaduro's RBs have had it in the specs as of late.
It's a measure to prevent failure during maintenance.


MAXINE 1800
ERNST
Just what you'd expect from the Rideback Club's advisor.
Yay! It moved!
ギシ!
ギシ!
ギュン!
ギュン
Maxine!
That's Ernst's ritter machine, right!?
That catalogue!
It's true, but still classified information though.
The GGF is considering introducing it into the army as a weapon!?
Wha!?


It's been used in actual combat before.
It may not be useful on the frontlines though like in those old anime.
Awesome! The day a rideback will be put into real combat has come!
Public Security never divulged the information.
I haven't heard a thing about that.
They were caught in a military dragnet done by the old UN Troops that were known as the "Iron Wall."
It was 5 years ago during the "Arizona Campaign."
There was a soldier who used a small RB that was just developed to decimate the opposing forces.


What is known is that he was a young Japanese person
So, there are very few records of this soldier
Then the state of [illegible] suddenly changes
Because of the short stature and solid frame, the soldiers nicknamed him "Bottle"
That group's commander called him a hard but he was pleased from the bottle
Who knows? Ehe.
Where and what is that soldier doing now?



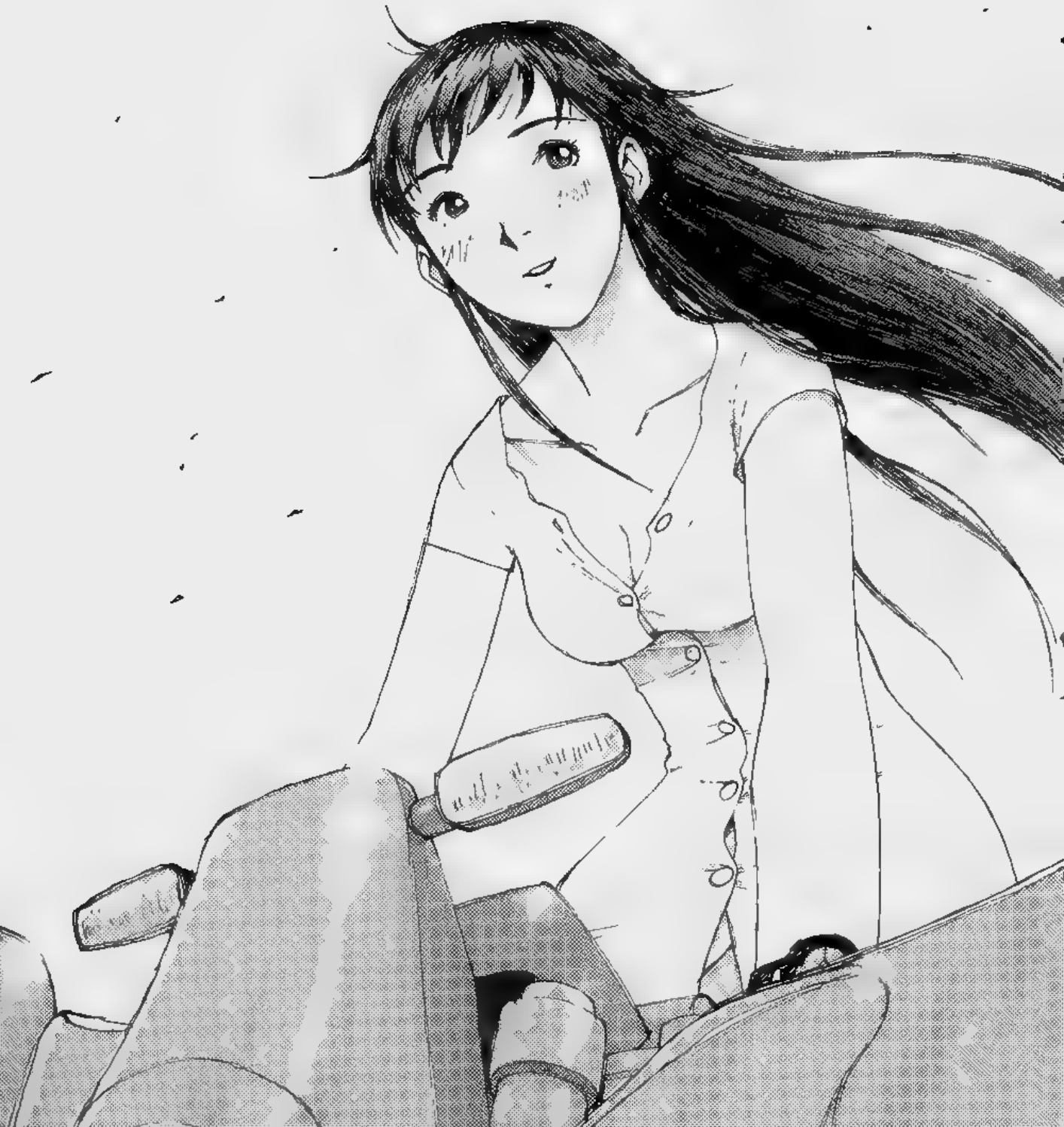


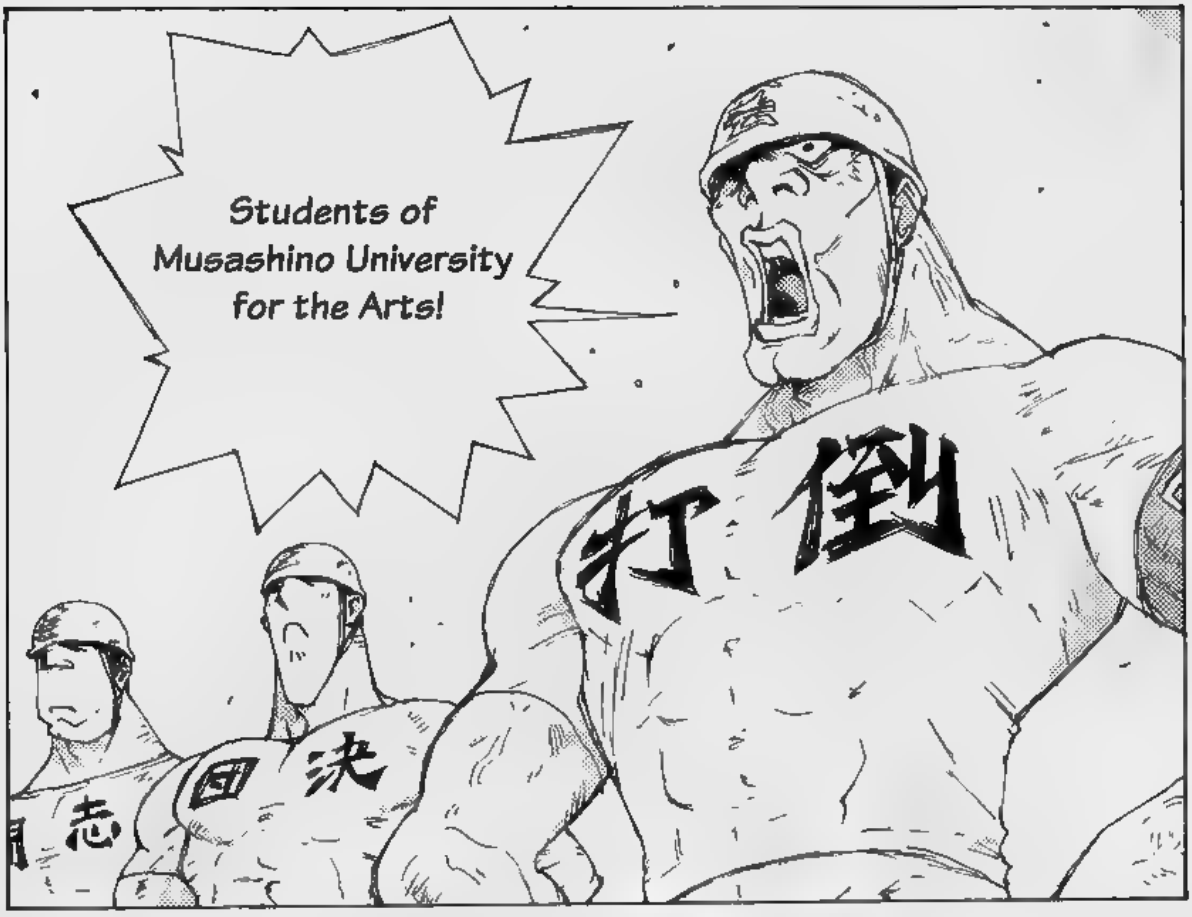
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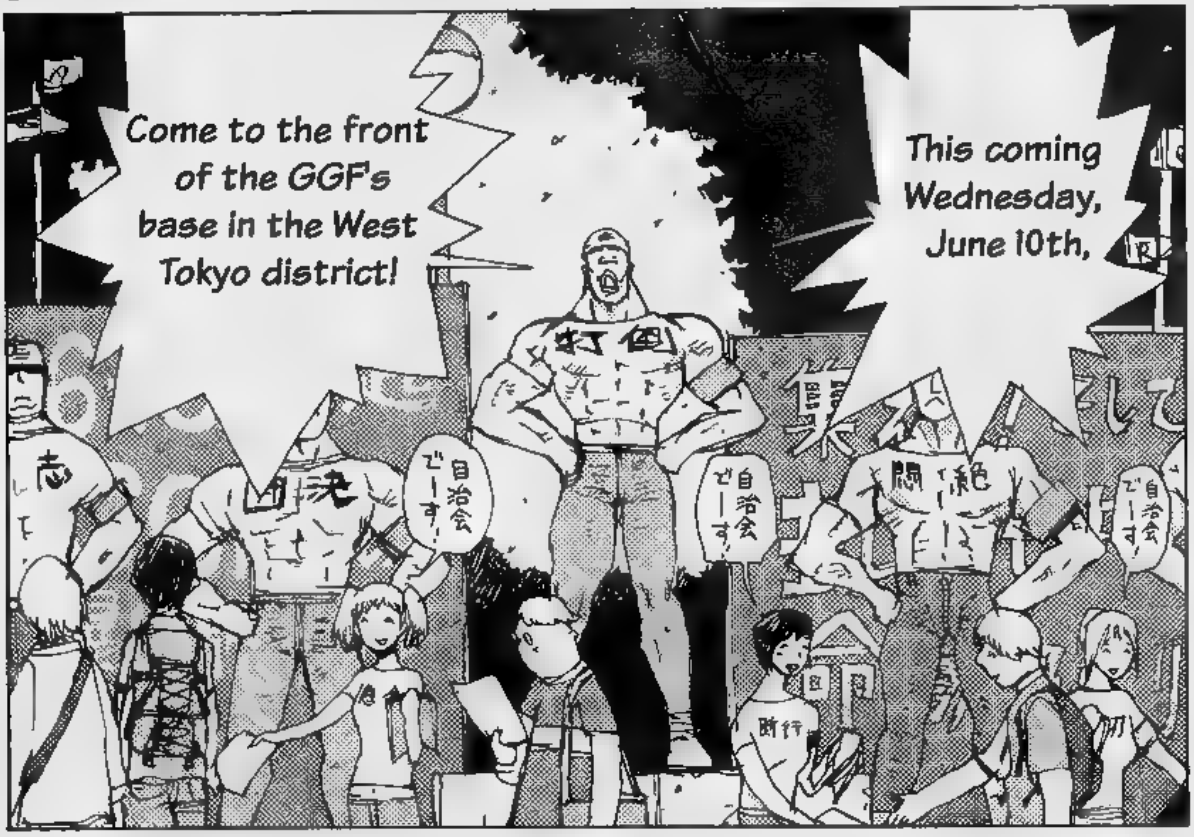
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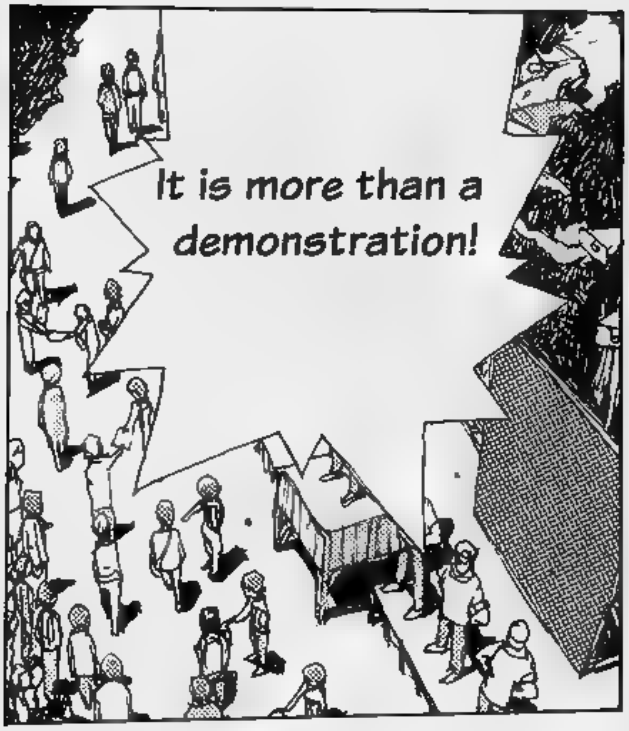
Surging Momentum




Students of Musashino University for the Arts!
打倒
闘志
団決

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Come to the front of the GGF's base in the West Tokyo district!
This coming Wednesday, June 10th,
打倒
自治会ですー!
自治会ですー!
自治会ですー!
団決
闘志
絶対
断行





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So please! Come to this event!
It is common knowledge that the GGF is oppressing Japanese citizens!
We're the Student Association!
!?



※GGF－Global Government Force(世界統合軍)


I joined a club!
Oh yeah!
What are you doing Shouko?

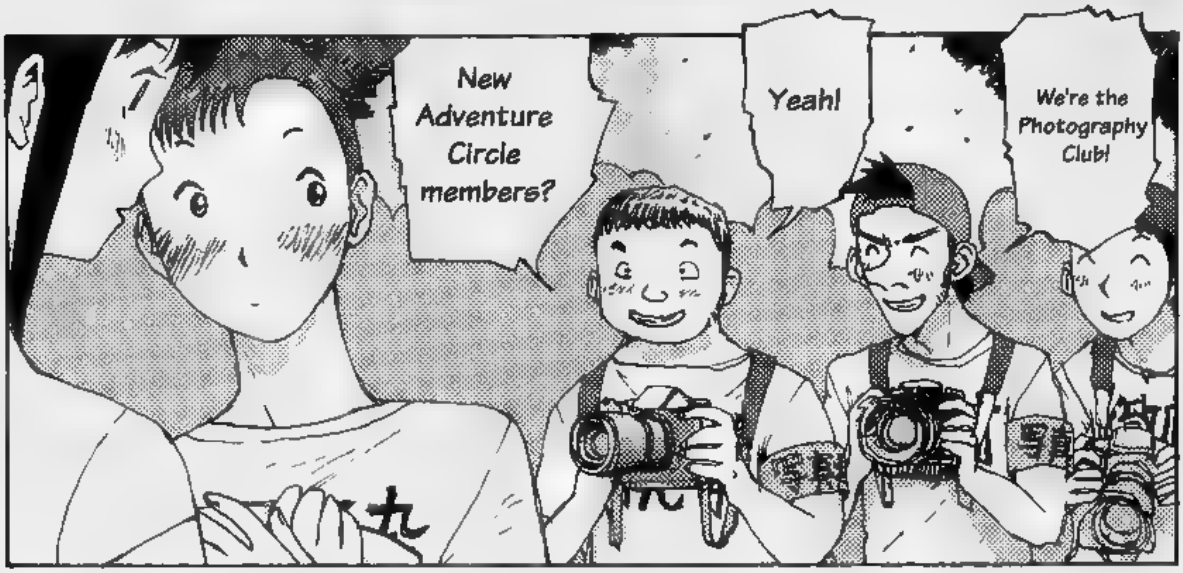

Hey! Rin!


What's with the look?
Adventure Circle?

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There was an examination you go through.
It's not like other clubs where you can join easily.
It was just an interview though.
I see...
This person too
We're the Student Association!
Adventure Club member too

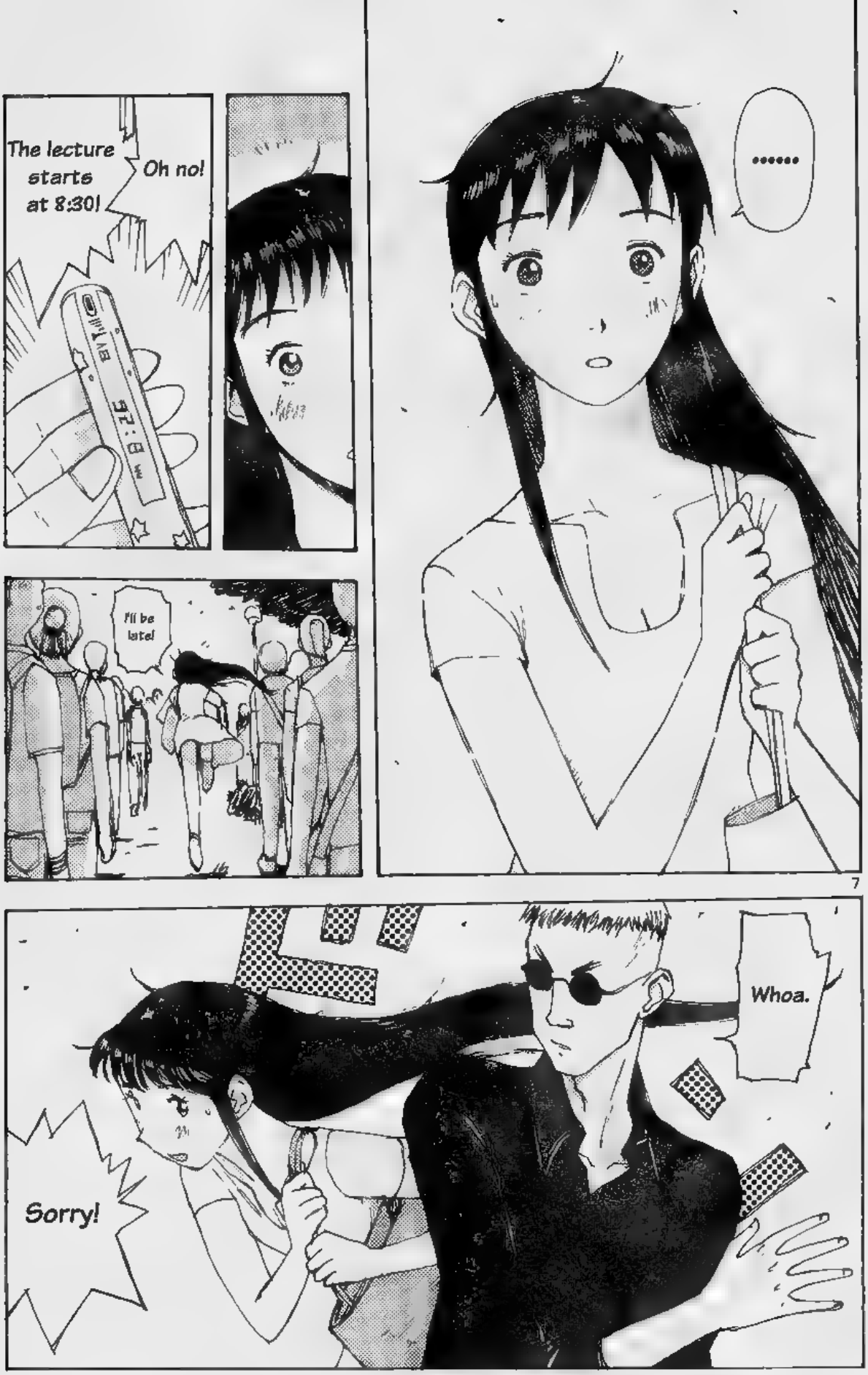

We have to when we're helping the Student Association out.
There's nothing I can do!
Don't stare!
So uh, the getup...
Tsukasa?

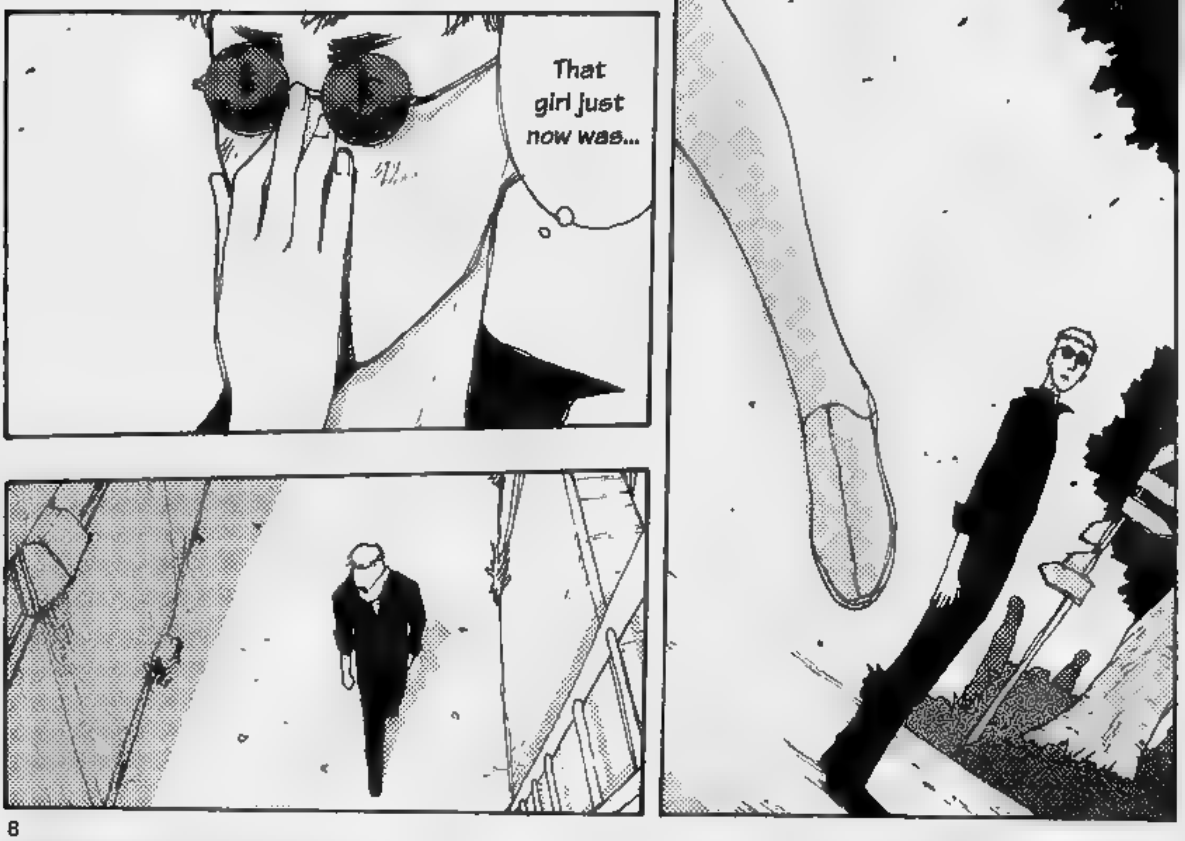

New Adventure Circle members?
Yeah!
We're the Photography Club!

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Can I get a flyer?
Me too!
Now, smile! Smile!
Another fantastic Student Association organizer has shown up!
Can you lower your hands if possible?

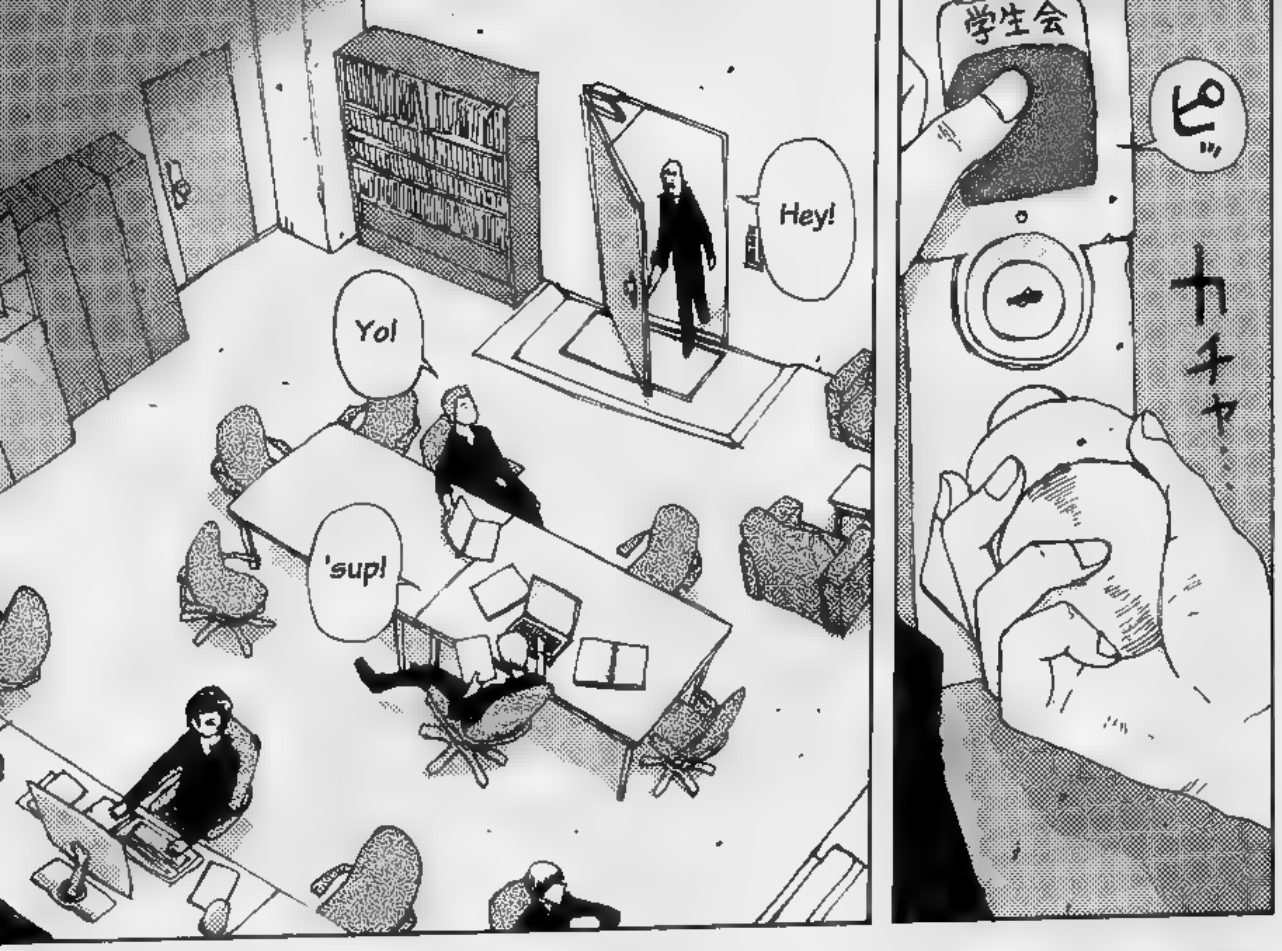

Aha, thanks for coming before!
Oh! Iwase!
Class is already canceled that day...
But we have class...
Oh yeah, you going to participate in the June 10th demonstration, Rin?
Well, whatever.
I haven't sent my official notice yet.
I wasn't wrong about you being involved in the Rideback Club.
Y... no.
You're still a Rideback Club member, aren't you?
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Rin!
I'll see you on demonstration day!
Uh...
Now now, you'd look better in pictures over there.
Anyway, bye!
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The lecture starts at 8:30!
Oh no!
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I'll be late!
Whoa.
Sorry!



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Hey!
Yo!
'sup!
学生会
ピ〜
ナチャ…

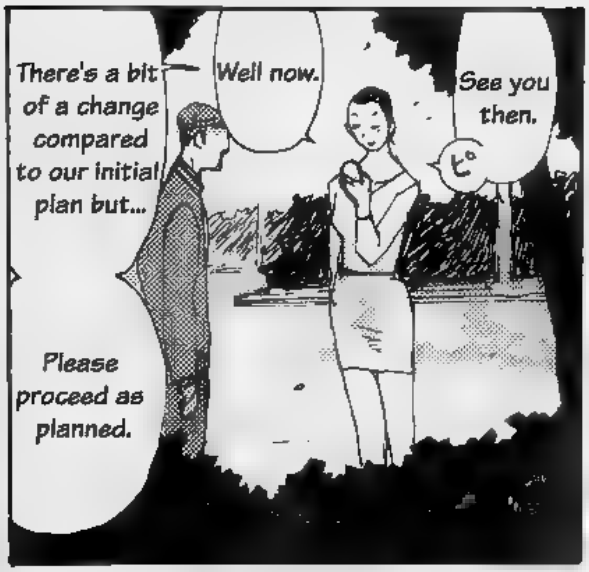

Aha, were you picking flowers somewhere?
I bumped into that new member of the Rideback Club just now.


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A report on those negotiations has come in!
Ah!
Oh?
She's a lot cuter than the rumors.

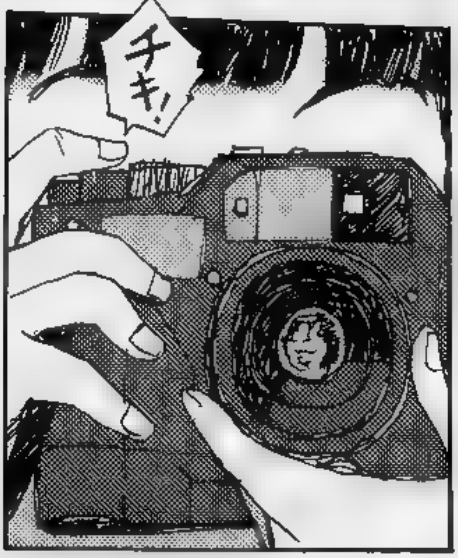

ペトルーシカ@学生会
さんからのメッセージ
A message from Petrushka@student council
We need to report this to Prof. Yokoyama.
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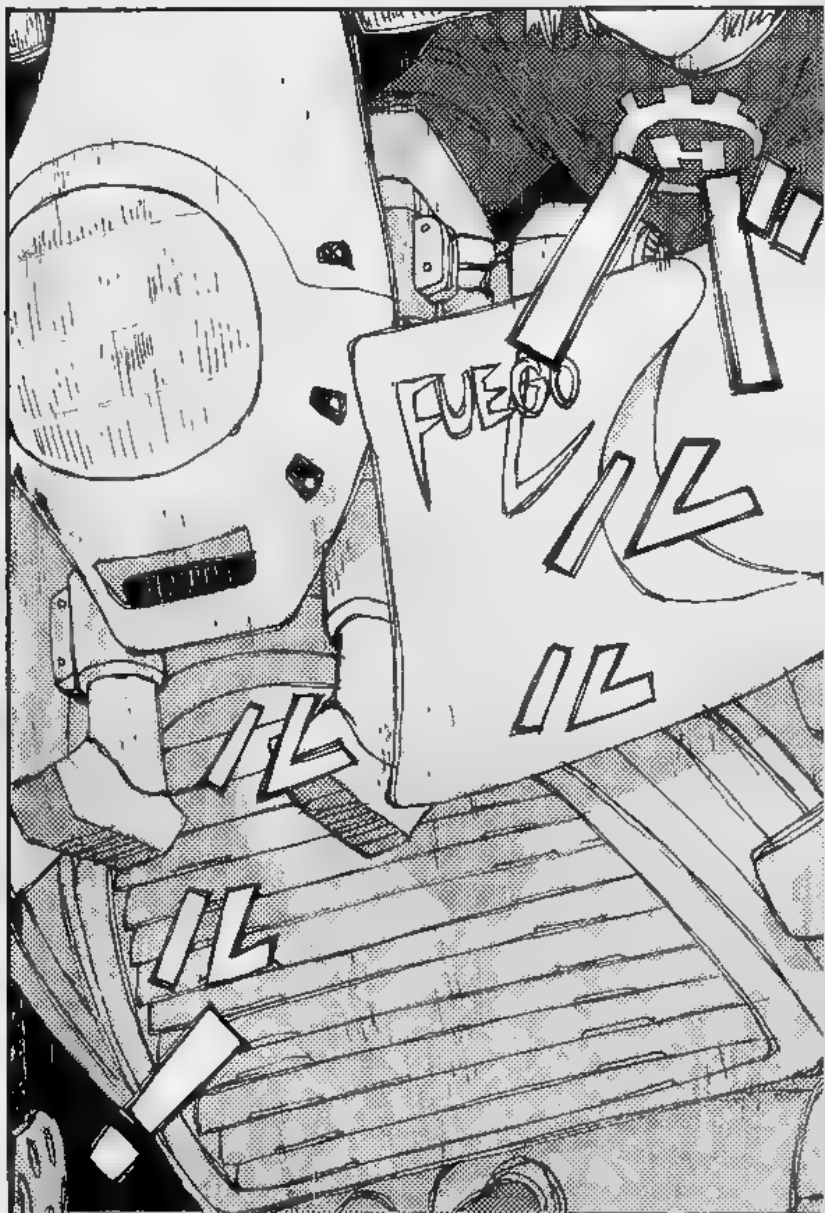

Sorry. Excuse me.
So that means...
!
It's from a member of the Student Council.
Hm...
Yokoyama here.
Oh?
Then we'll meet in my lab after 5.
Yeah.


Understood.


There's a bit of a change compared to our initial plan but...
Please proceed as planned.
Well now.
See you then.
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That was nice.
Oh!
バオン
バオン
FUEGO

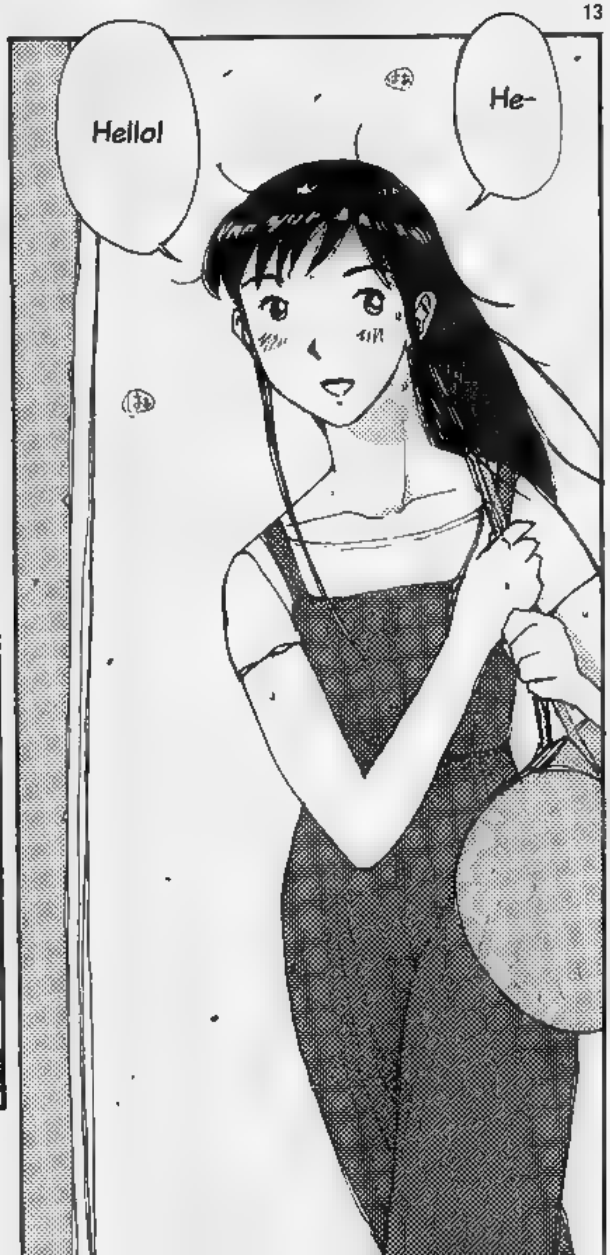

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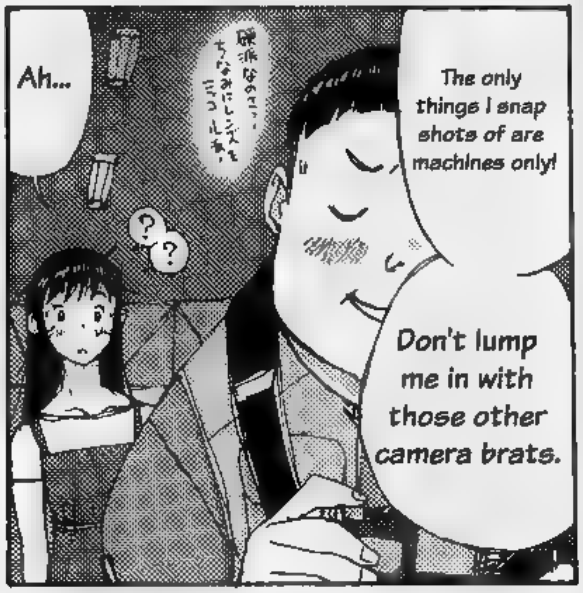

FUEGO


I was talking about how the injection program was doing.
A camera definitely needs a rangefinder.

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Excuse me.
Sorry, but no matter how cute you are, I'm not going to take pictures of you!

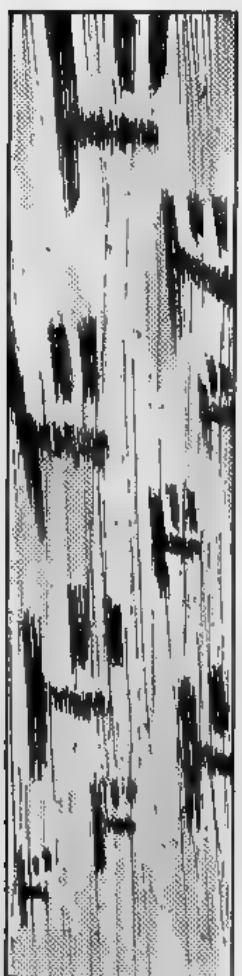

He-
Hello!


Ah...
The only things I snap shots of are machines only!
Don't lump me in with those other camera brats.


You should start learning the club member's names, Rin!
His name is Kawai.
At least the names of the people that come often.
Who was he?
He left...

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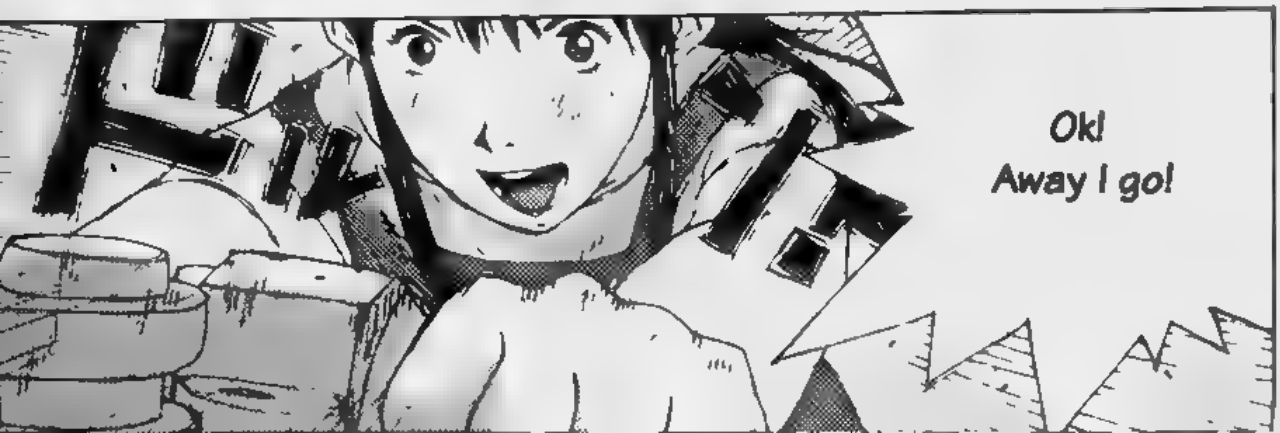

Anyway, you came at a good time!
Oh!
I'm bad at remembering names...



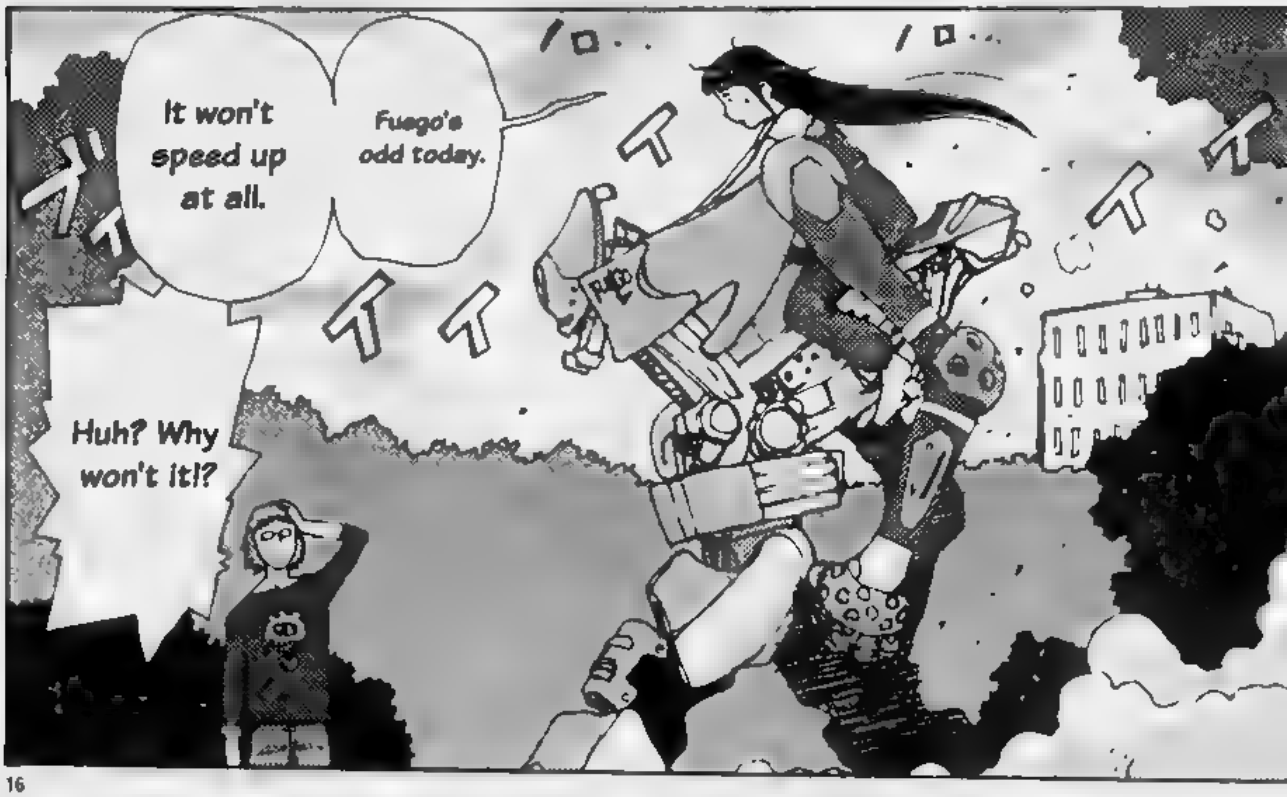

Su-sure!


You want to go for a test drive?
I'm a mechanic so I can't do jumps and stuff.

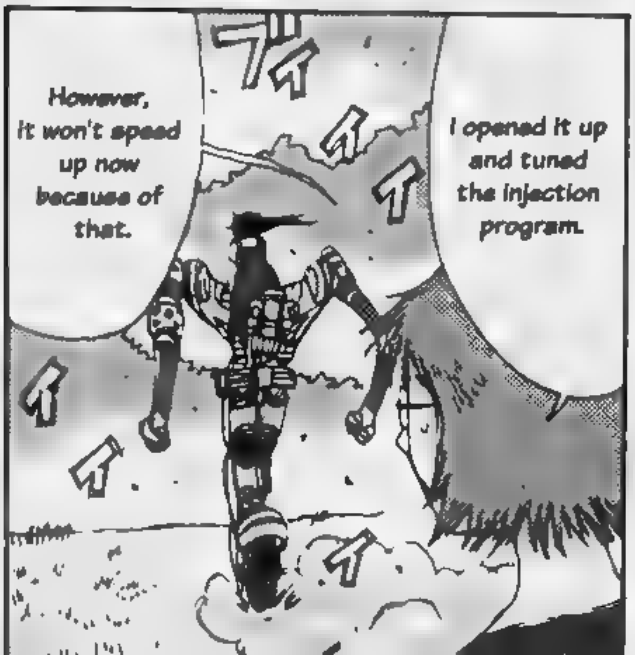

Oh, those clothes! They're warm-ups, aren't they?
So anyway, I'd like you to go around and jump like you normally do.
...you're not listen to me again, are you Rin?


Ok!
Away I go!


Huh?
Ah...


It won't speed up at all.
Fuego's odd today.
Huh? Why won't it!?

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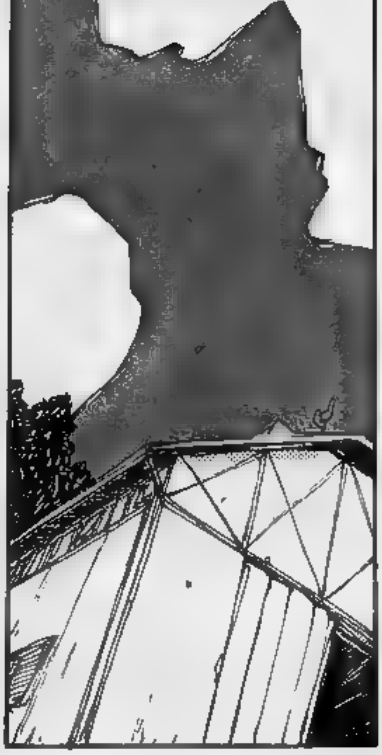

However, it won't speed up now because of that.
I opened it up and tuned the injection program.


Oh, Chief.
What's wrong?


Push the pedal in front of your left foot up!
Th-this?
My guess is that it isn't the program but that it's running in a low gear.
Hmm, from the sound,
What?
Oh! I left it in manual transmission mode. I forgot!
Hey! Shift up!
Rin!
Uh, hey.
If you lift the pedal up, it shifts up! Push it down to shift down or you'll suffer an engine brake!
Ah! It sped up!
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Wa...


Anyway, she seems to be having fun riding around.
It's almost like...
Hmm.
So even during that race with Tamayo she had before, eh.
That girl's been driving in automatic up until now!?
Yeah.
This is probably her first experience with gear changing.
Grand jeté... Just kidding!
...Fuego was alive.


Yeah, club policy.
Yeah.
So the Rideback Club members can't participate in the demonstration?

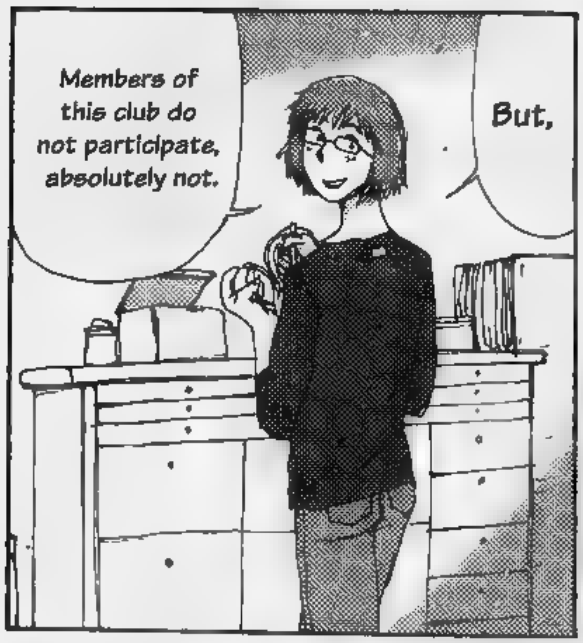



When the Chief established the club, he decided on it.

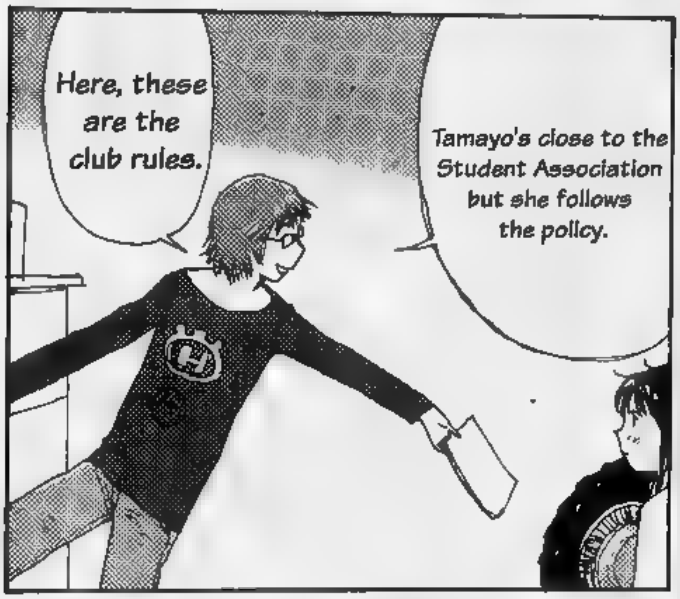

Why's it like that?
Club policy?

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It was a compromise with the Student Association. Lucky for a non-political like me, I guess.
There we go.
Really?
But that's not a reason.


Members of this club do not participate, absolutely not.
But,


The sight of a student movement might stir the entire country up.
This school is put on TV somewhere every day.


Here, these are the club rules.
Tamayo's close to the Student Association but she follows the policy.


I see.

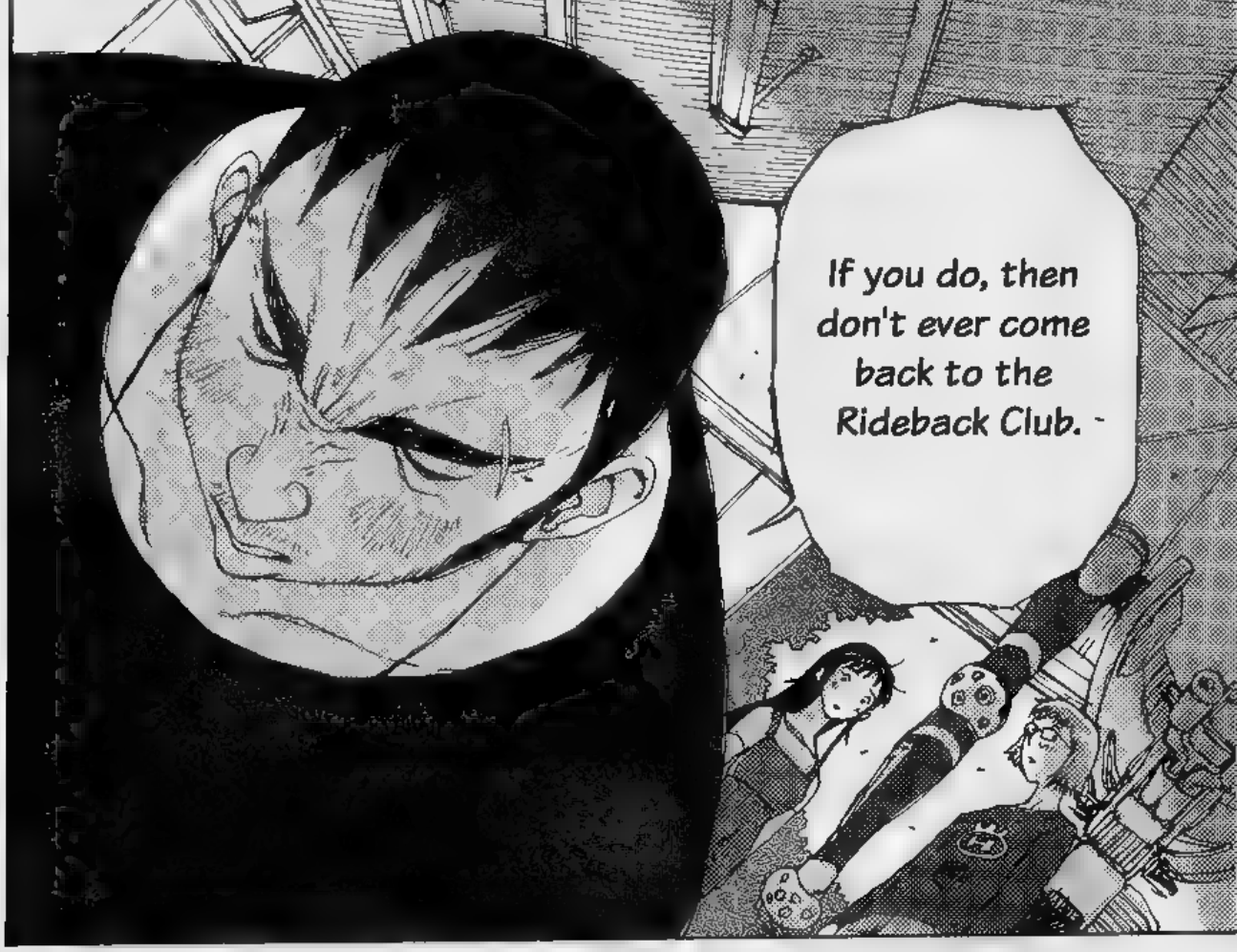

About that...


Now that I think about it, when are you going to become an actual member, Rin?


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That true, Chief!?
WHA!?
But the Chief didn't sign it.
I filled out the written application that I was given...

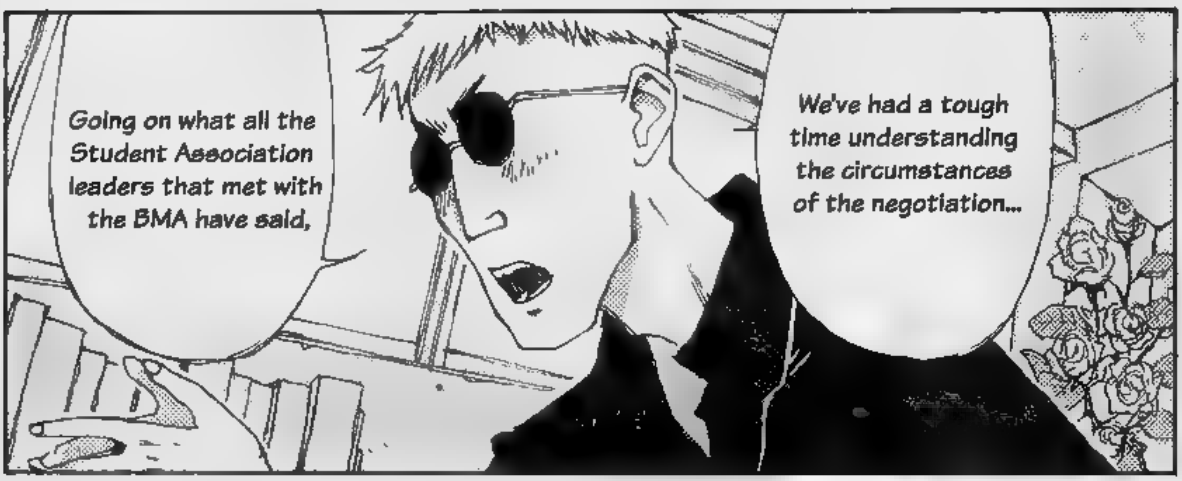

That's right!
Oh, yeah!
So I guess it'd be ok if you participated in the demonstration.
Well, you aren't an official member Rin.
Hmm.


Then go if you want.
If you really want to be in the demonstration,

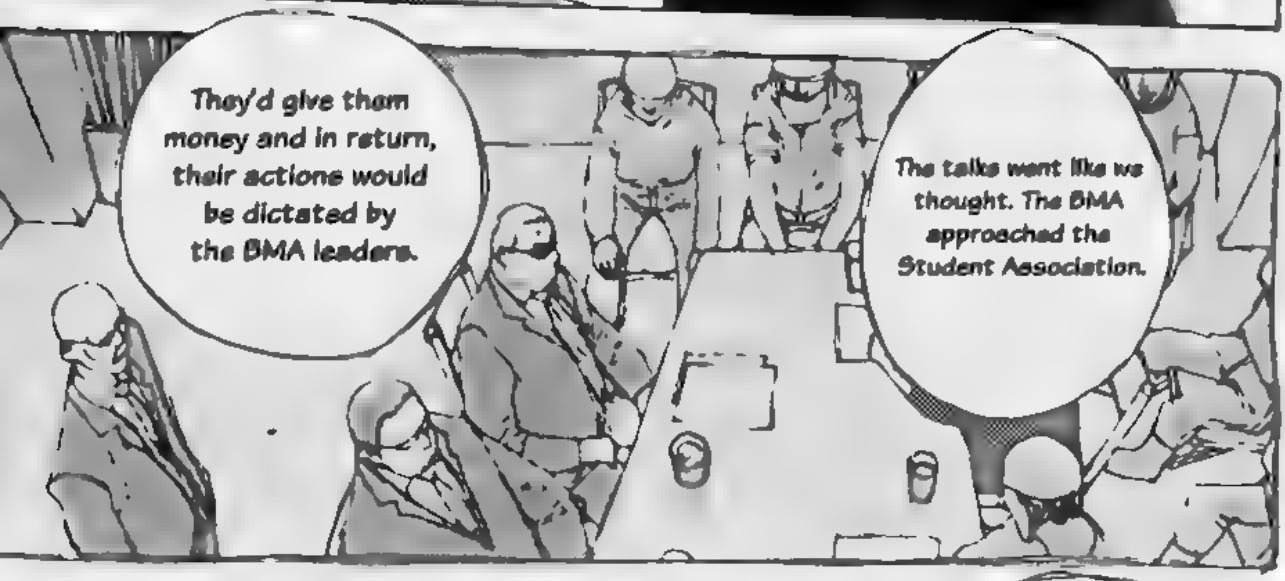

If you do, then don't ever come back to the Rideback Club.

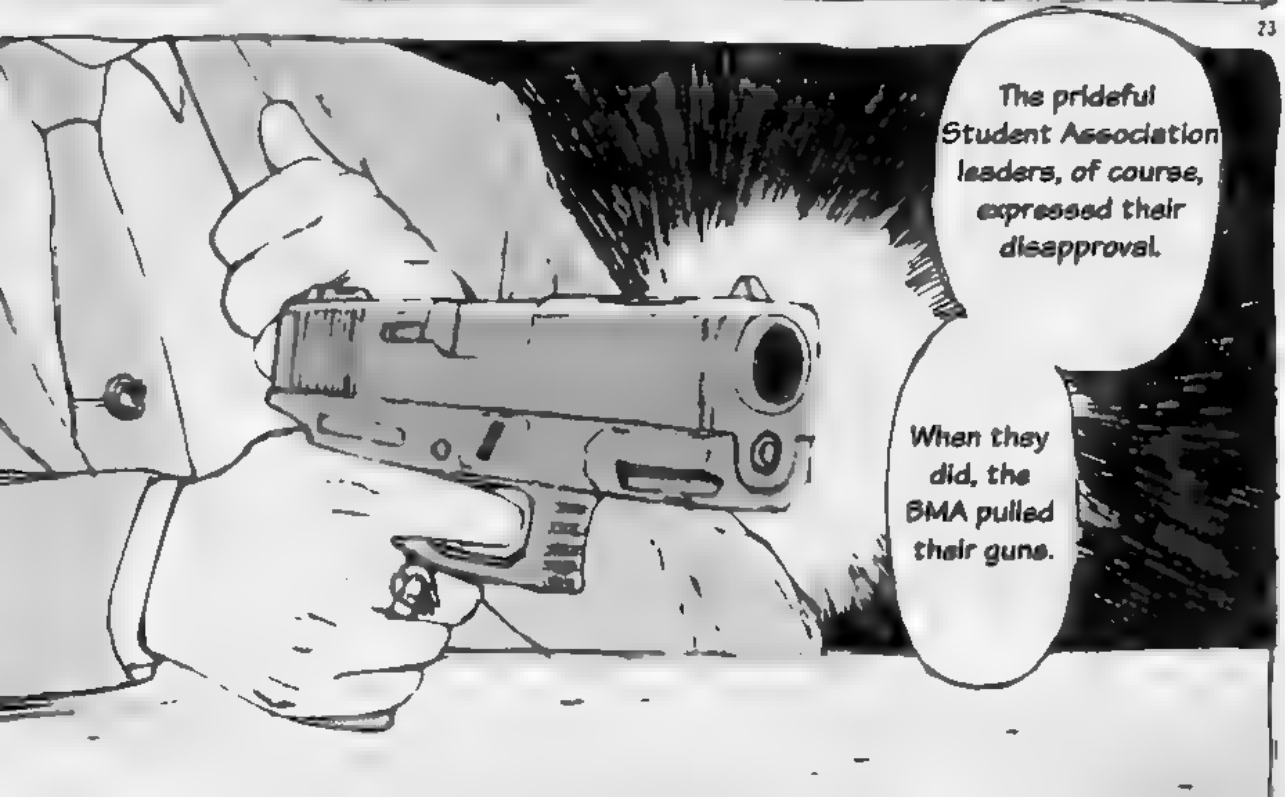
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I didn't really mean it like that...


Going on what all the Student Association leaders that met with the BMA have said,
We've had a tough time understanding the circumstances of the negotiation...


Oh ho, let me hear it.
We've confirmed a rather surprising series of events went on.
We've obtained some news on it now though.


They'd give them money and in return, their actions would be dictated by the BMA leaders.
The talks went like we thought. The BMA approached the Student Association.


The prideful Student Association leaders, of course, expressed their disapproval.
When they did, the BMA pulled their guns.

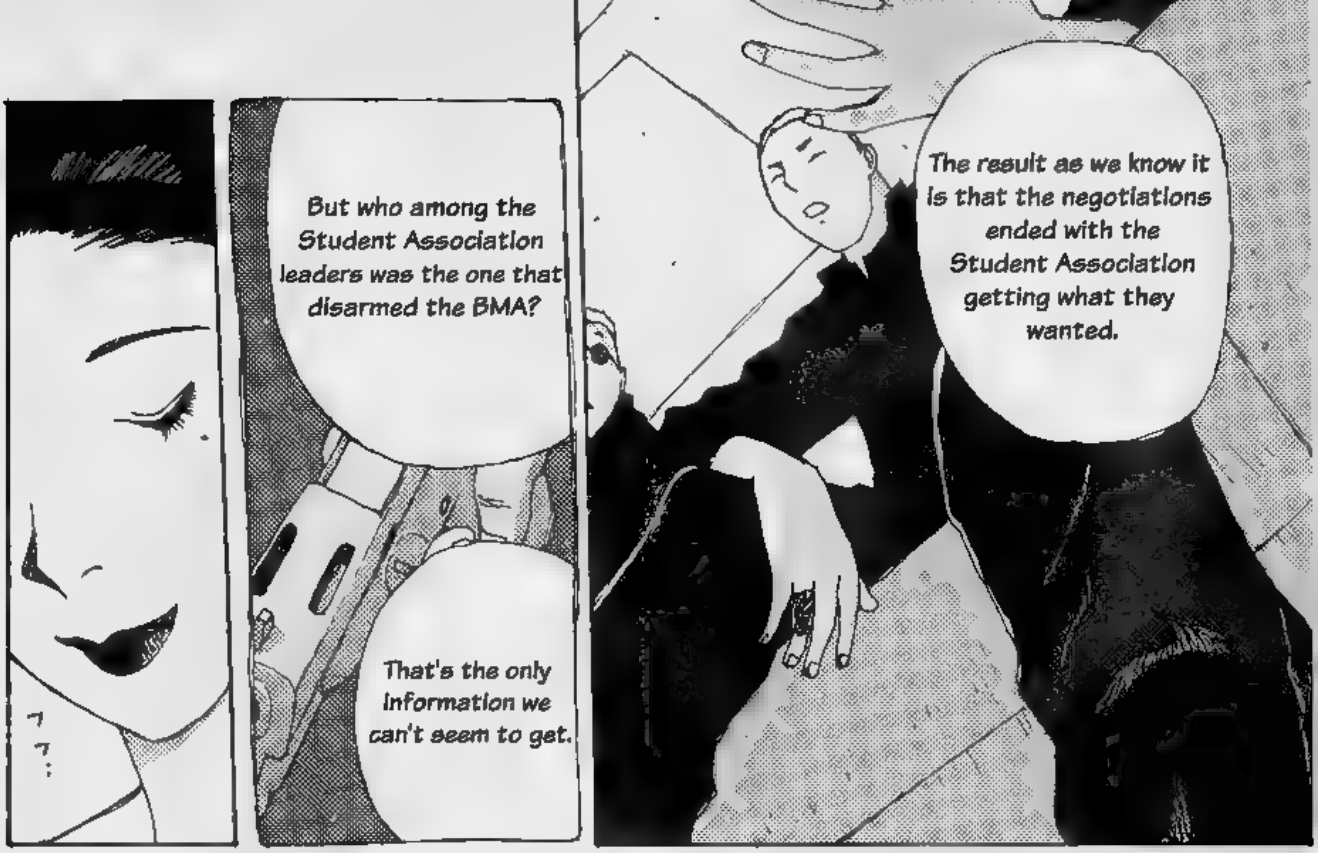

And then it happened.
I'm guessing they were using Glock-19s with compensators.
That gun is just the type for the BMA.


Everything happened in an instant. You almost couldn't blink.


Anyway, the situation reversed all at once.


The odd thing is that they didn't know how the man knew exactly where to shoot.
There wasn't a single injury in the room.


Someone on the Student Association side had a gun in their hands before they realized it.
The room was filled the stench of gunpowder.

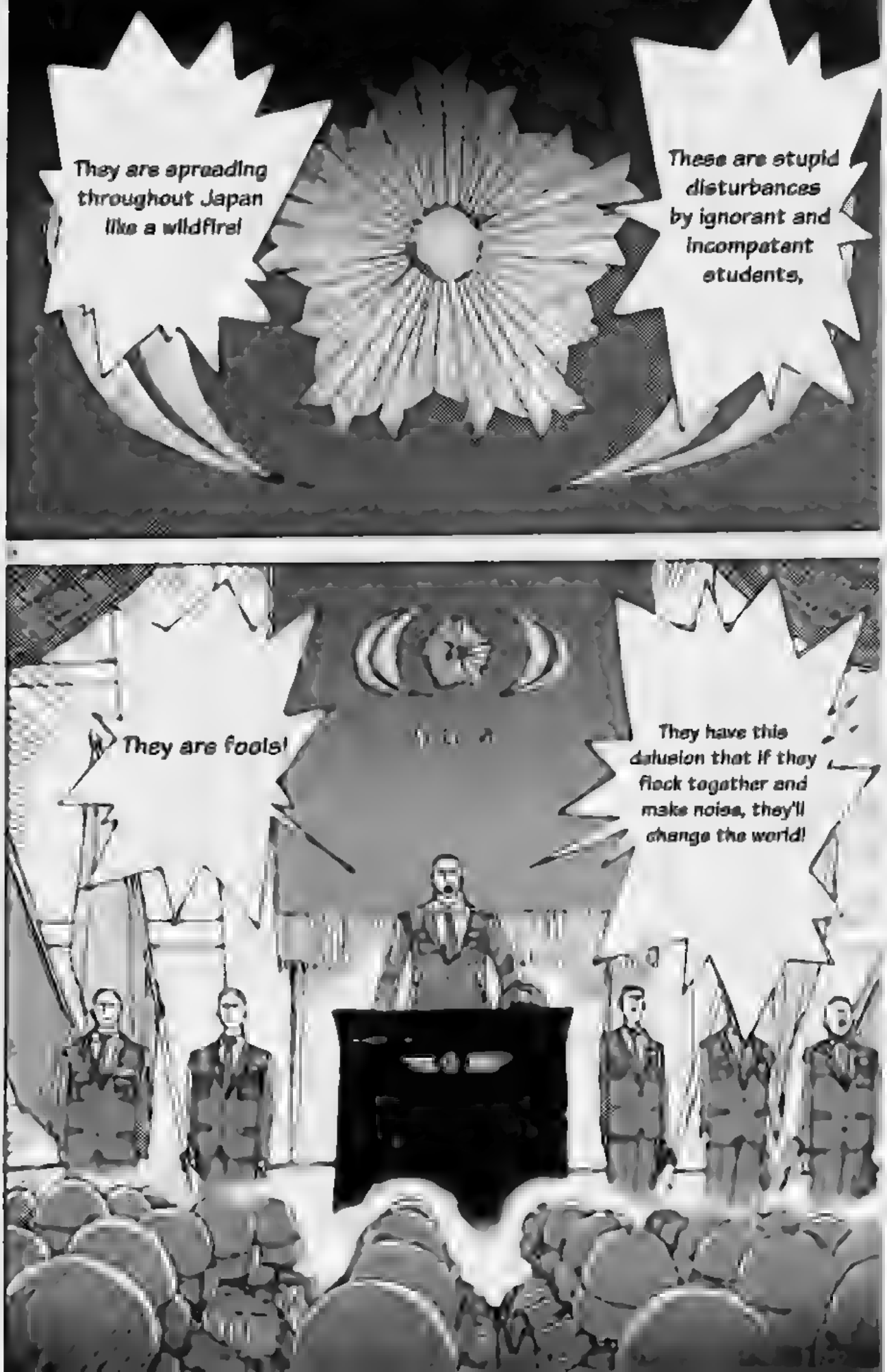

The result as we know it is that the negotiations ended with the Student Association getting what they wanted.
But who among the Student Association leaders was the one that disarmed the BMA?
That's the only information we can't seem to get.


The number of people that could do that stunt in Japan... no, the world...
...is very low.

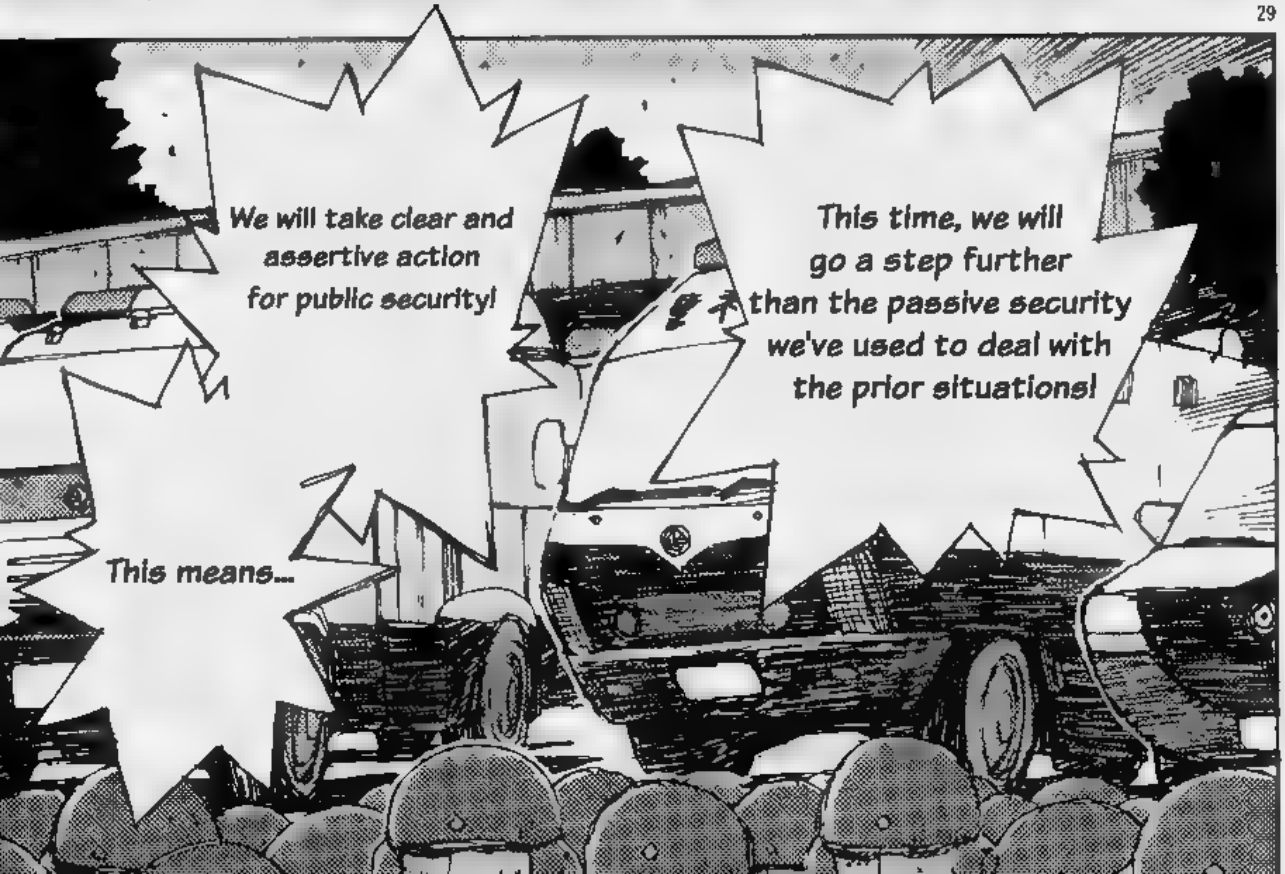
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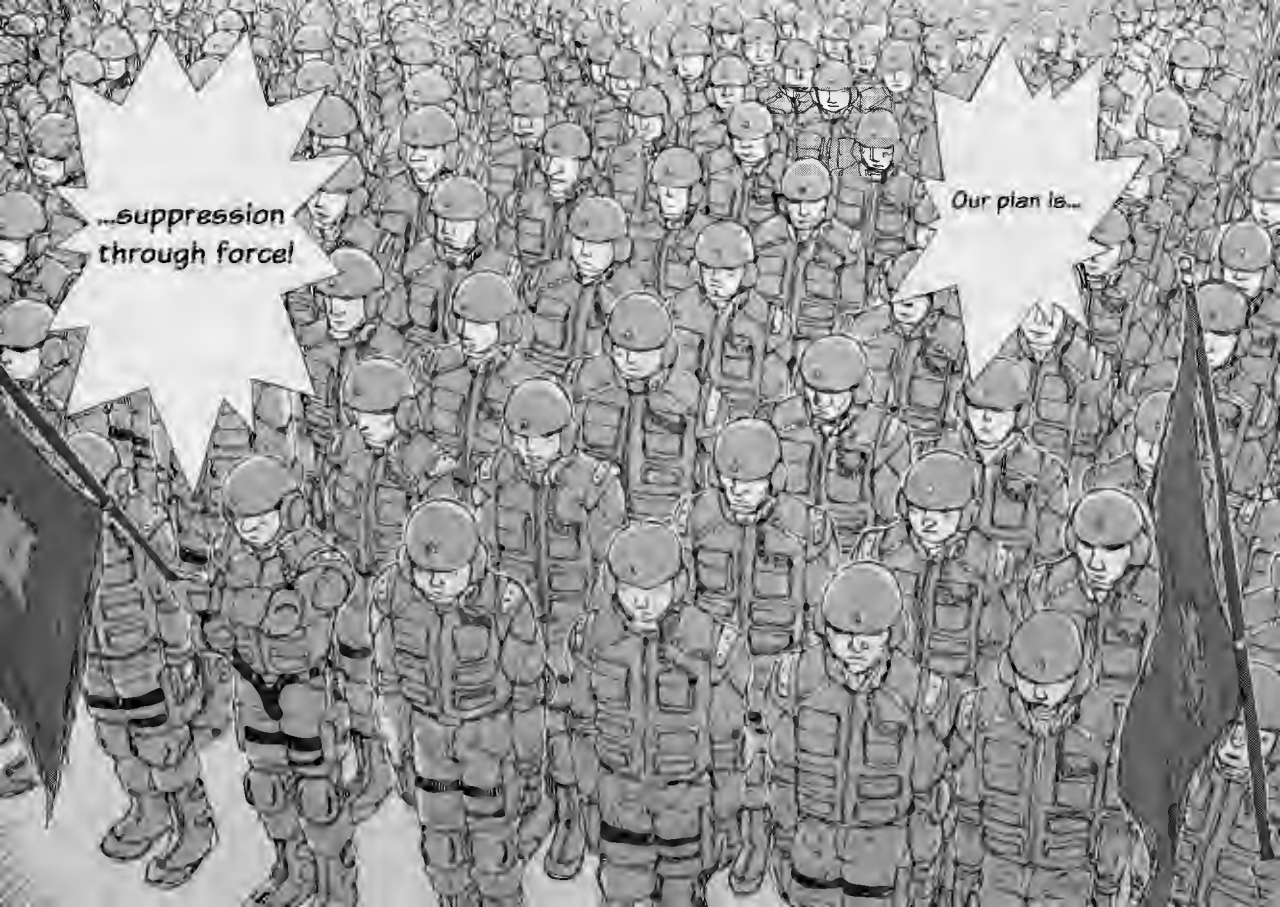

Anyway, that person has stirred a lot of things up and now,


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The curtain is about to be drawn.
警視庁


They are spreading throughout Japan like a wildfire!
These are stupid disturbances by ignorant and incompetent students,
They are fools!
They have this delusion that if they flock together and make noise, they'll change the world!


...will NOT tolerate it!
However, these villainous hoodlums have done as they've pleased!
We, guardians of national order,

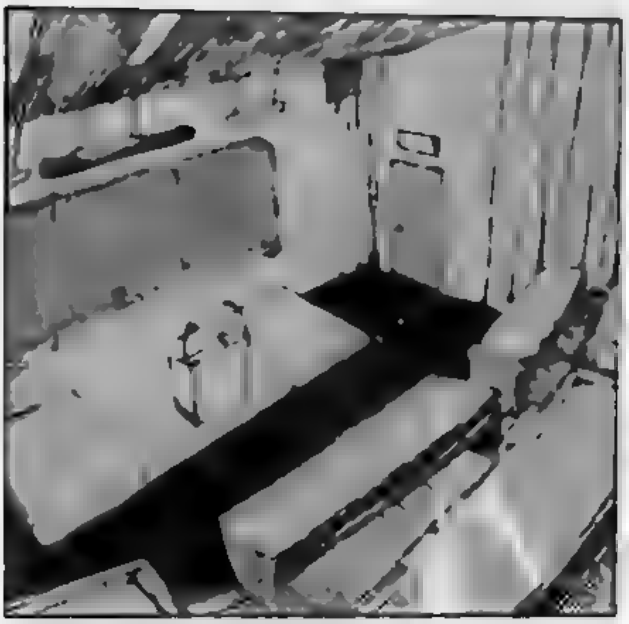

We will take clear and assertive action for public security!
This time, we will go a step further than the passive security we've used to deal with the prior situations!
This means...


...suppression through force!
Our plan is...


...has already informally agreed with us!
Our method does not have much backing yet. However, the judicial branch...
Even if there are casualties amongst the students, you will not be held responsible!
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With that, put every ounce of strength you have into this!


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And the Curtain is Drawn...





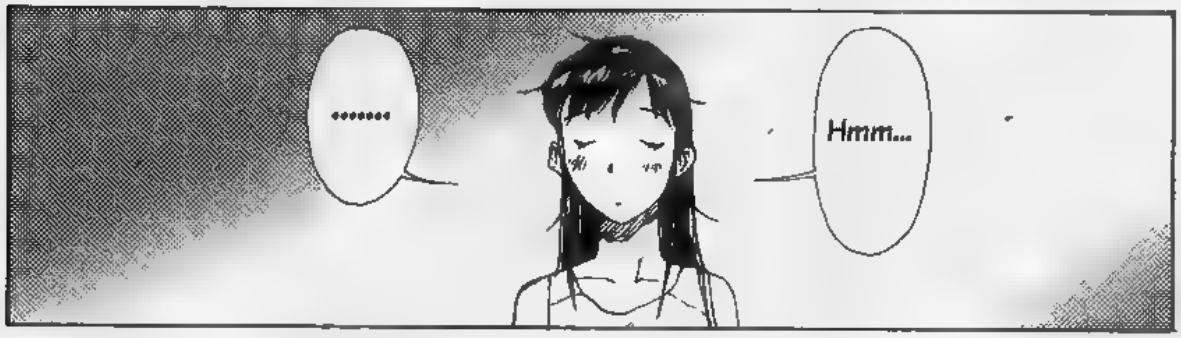


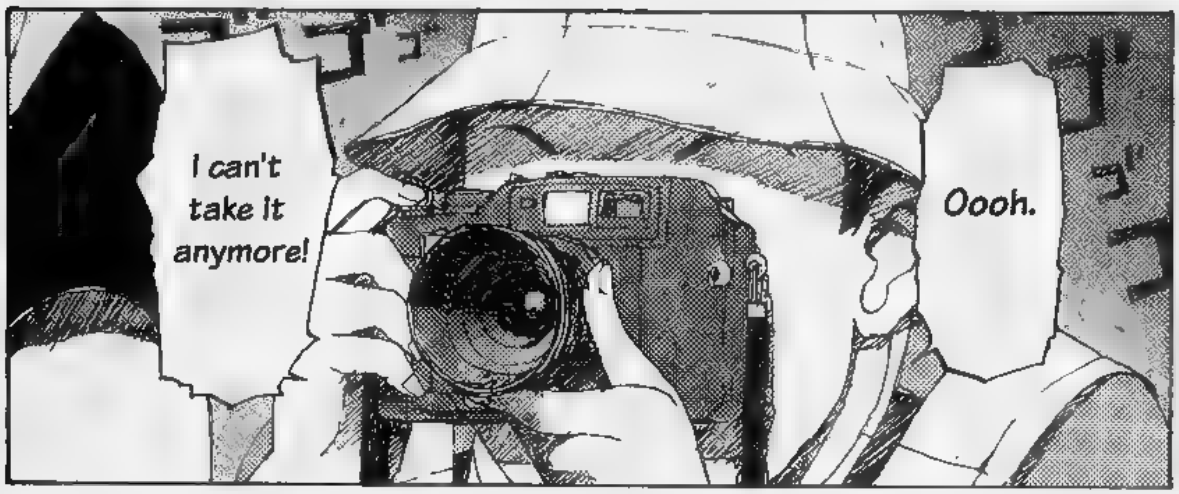


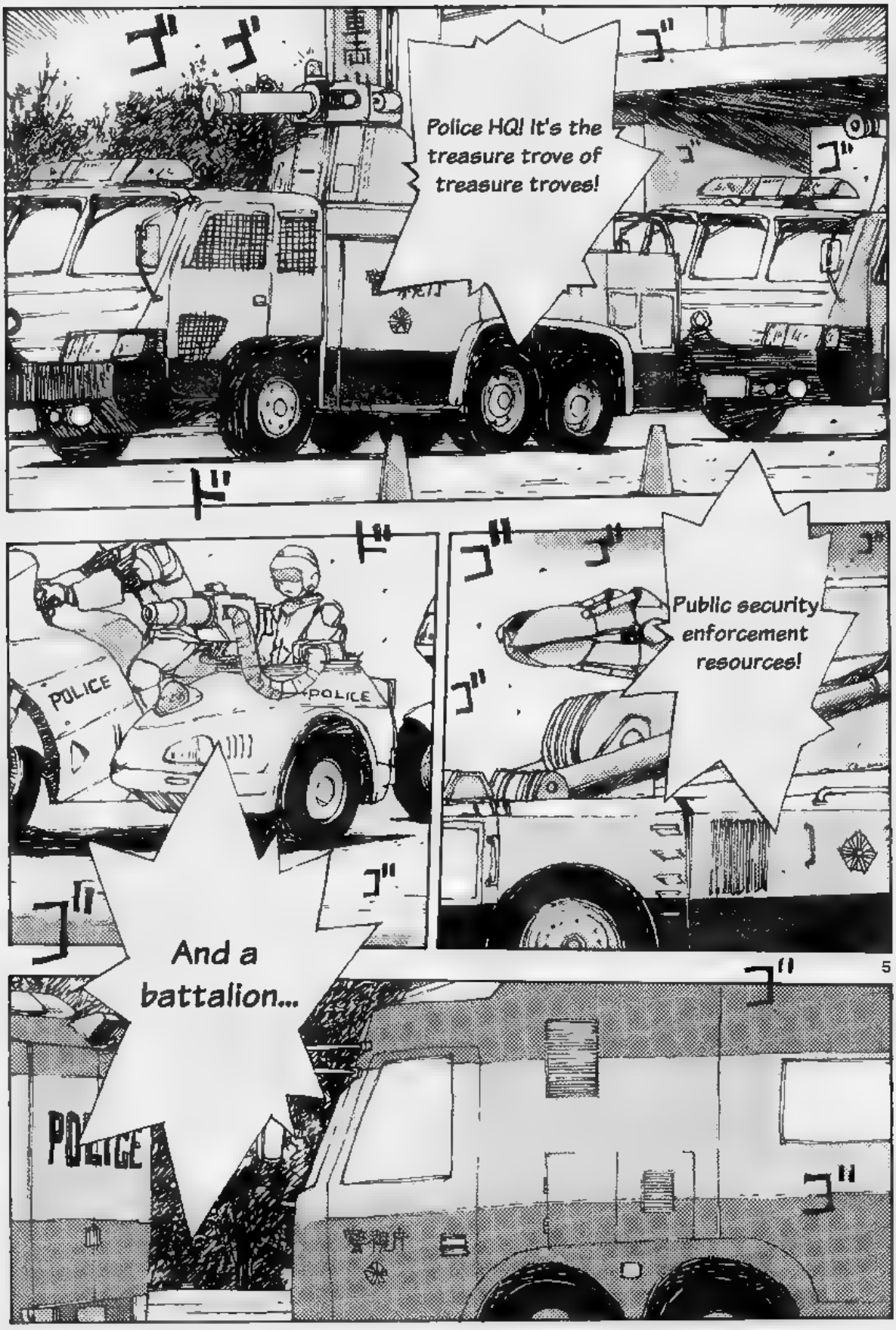

Classes are cancelled that day
Come on!
Classes really were cancelled.
It was true.


本日は自治会による
デモ活動の為、
レッスン場の開放は
行っておりません
Practice areas are closed because of the Student Association demonstration.
No way!
ガチャ
Hmm...
I have this odd unsettling feeling about today.
The recital is soon too.
Oh well, I'll work up a sweat and that'll refresh me.

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Hmm...

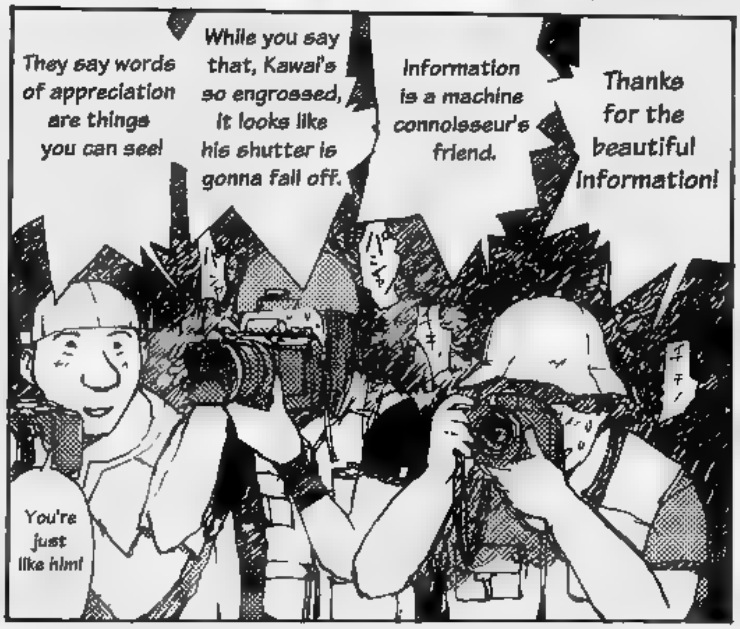

I can't take it anymore!
Oooh.


Police HQ! It's the treasure trove of treasure troves!
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Public security enforcement resources!
And a battalion...
POLICE
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...of special vehicles!

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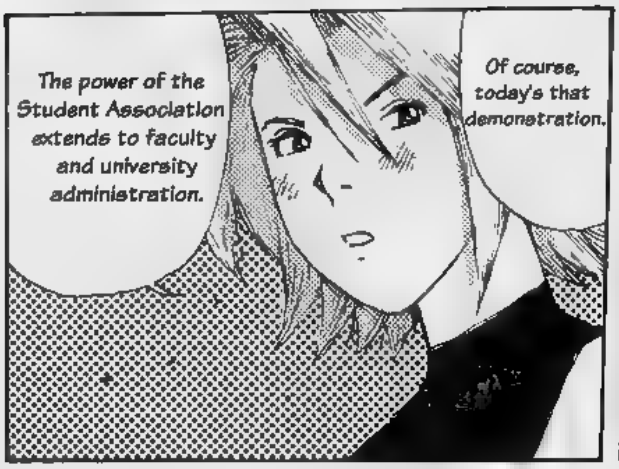

I'll have to boast about this situation to my juniors.
Oh yeah!


They say words of appreciation are things you can see!
While you say that, Kawai's so engrossed, it looks like his shutter is gonna fall off.
Information is a machine connoisseur's friend.
Thanks for the beautiful information!
You're just like him!

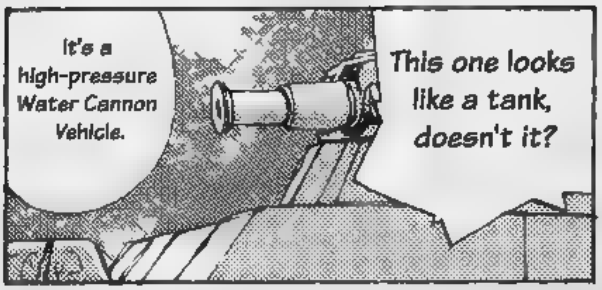

I have that apprehensive feeling again.
Hello!
What is this?


Oh! Hey, Rin!
From the truck count, it seems they're coming down with 1000 officers.

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The power of the Student Association extends to faculty and university administration.
Of course, today's that demonstration.


This was the only place I could find people.
I went all around campus.


It's a high-pressure Water Cannon Vehicle.
This one looks like a tank, doesn't it?

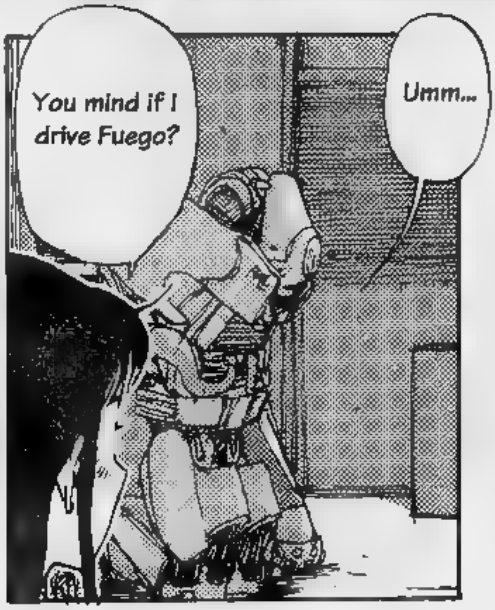

This is an image Kawai sent from his cell phone.
Yeah.
Anyway, look at this!
It's the police's new special vehicles.

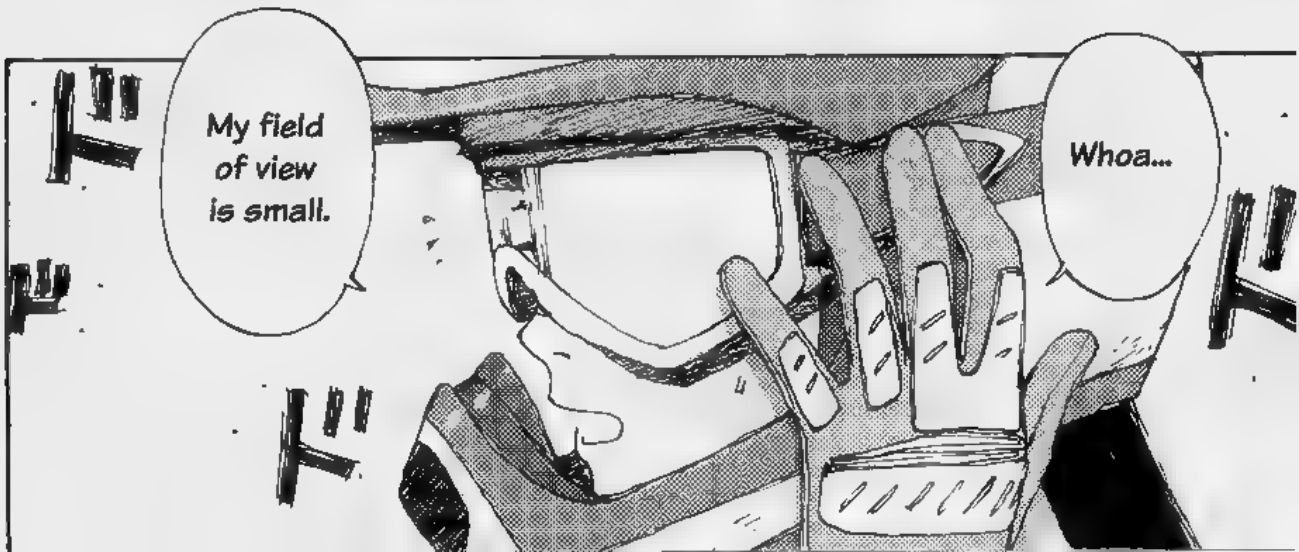

You aren't listening to me again, eh?
. see.

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If so, then try these goggles I bought recently.
A helmet and goggles are essential for a race.


Oh yeah, you're going to attempt the Japanese Grand Prix, aren't you Rin?
Oh, of course!
N-no, I haven't decided yet.

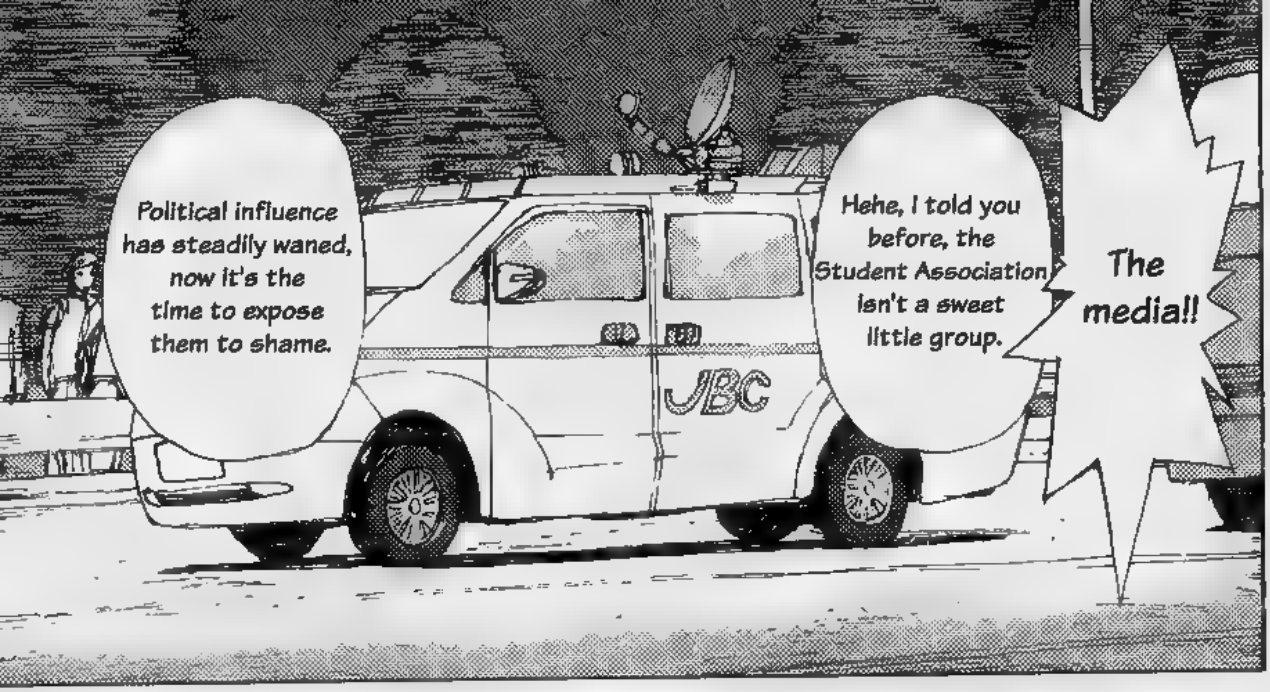

You mind if I drive Fuego?
Umm...

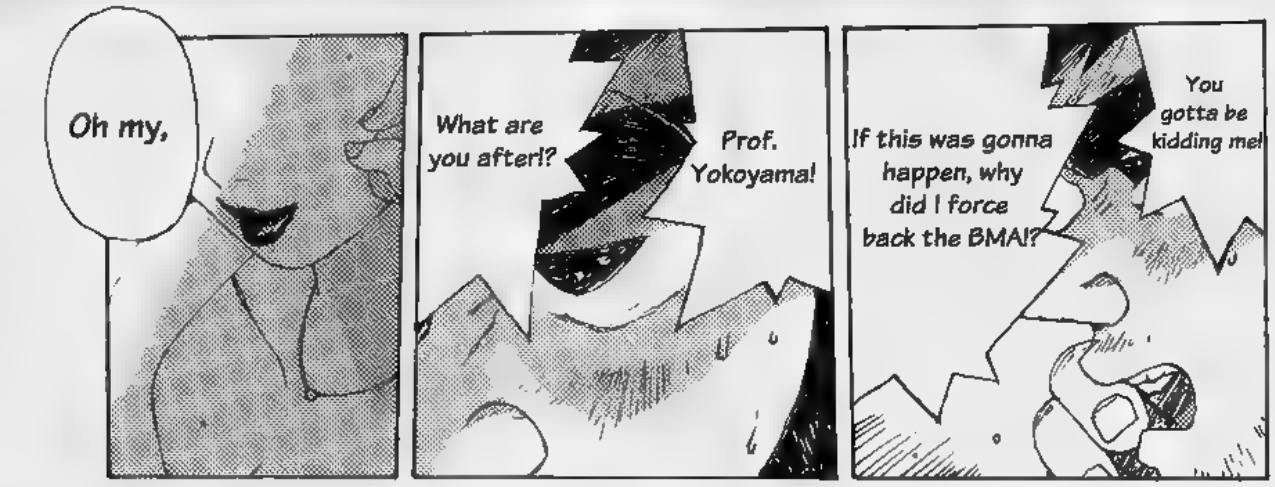

My field of view is small.
Whoa...

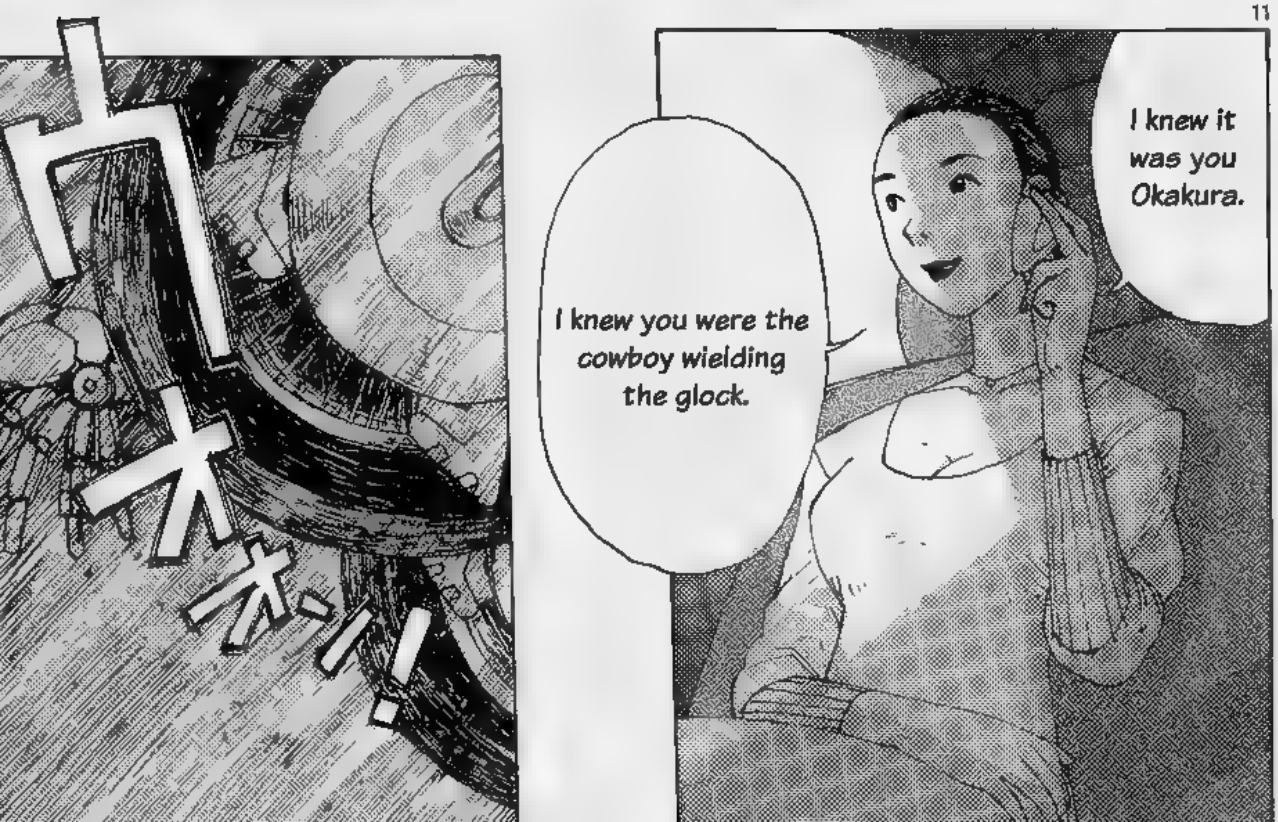

Oh, we got that from Kawai earlier!
Hmm?
Ah, Chief! Good morning!
Riding Fuego again, Ogata?
!!
Earlier?
Chief!?
Oh no!
!
No one's here!?
学生会


Live footage! I knew it! They...
I don't normally get calls from you Okakura.
Oh, how unusual.
I don't have that kind of power.
You over-estimate me.
That riot battalion! It was your doing, wasn't it!?


...Is what I'd like to say, but unfortunately I can't. This isn't a public security vehicle.
How insightful.
Hah! I'm surprised to hear you say you have no power! After all, you're inside a public security vehicle!

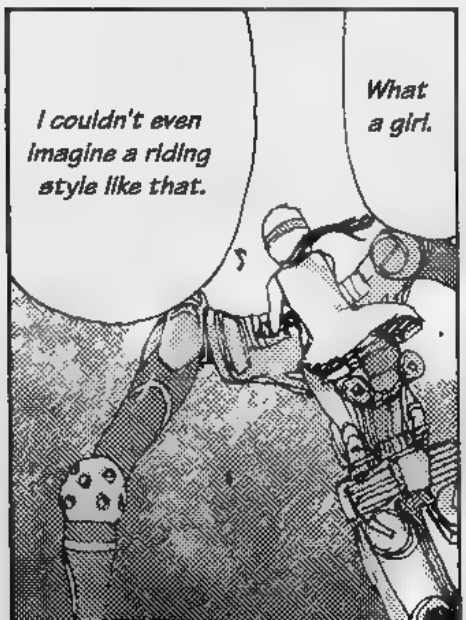

Political influence has steadily waned, now it's the time to expose them to shame.
Hehe, I told you before, the Student Association isn't a sweet little group.
The media!!
JBC


Oh my,
What are you after!?
Prof. Yokoyama!
If this was gonna happen, why did I force back the BMA!?
You gotta be kidding me!

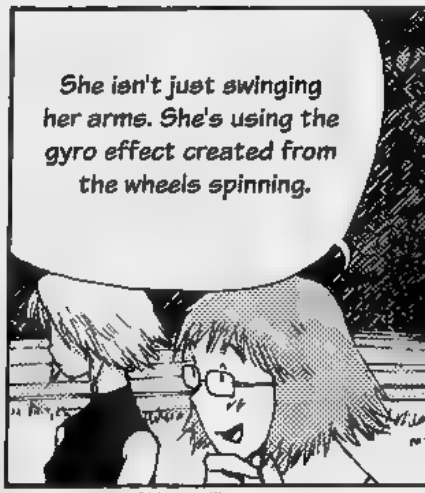

I knew it was you Okakura.
I knew you were the cowboy wielding the glock.





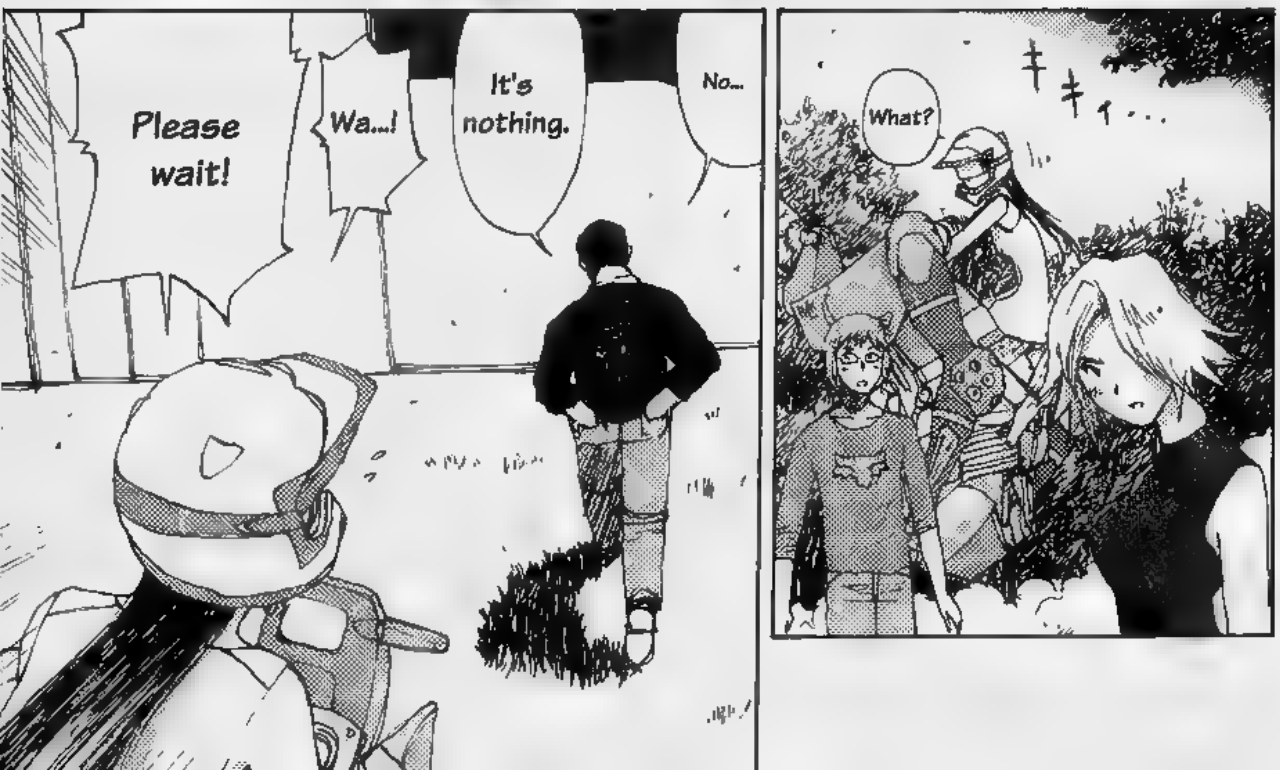






※アッサンブレ…片足で踏み切り、両足でトンる跳躍。トウ ユテ「横へ」の意。


There may be fatalities.
Today's demonstration...
That is plausible.
But you know, it might be useful in the race.
Chief!
Ah!


Please wait!
Wa...!
It's nothing.
No...
What?

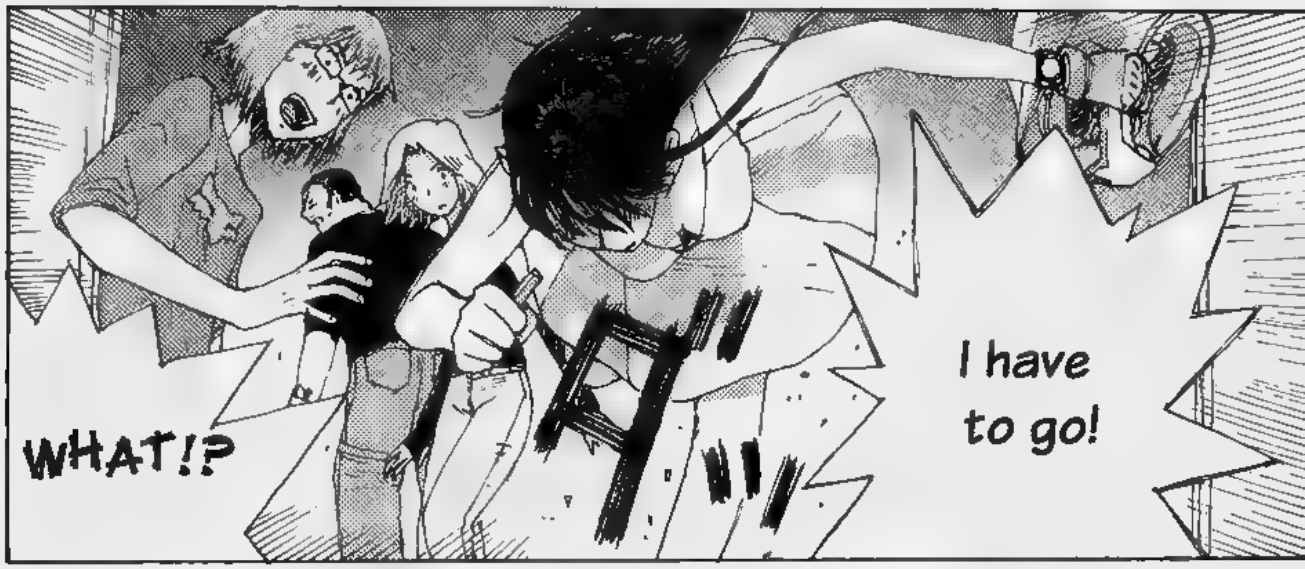

That large movement of new riot police equipment...
The images Kawai sent earlier...
Could it be...
What happened?
Chief!


It's the front of the GGF's occupied base in the West Tokyo district.
The destination of that stuff...


They're gonna be hunting the student demonstrators.
No...
Meaning they're going to suppress the demonstration.
全国自治会連合
GF
出て行け!
自治会


Hello, Shouko?
It's from Shouko!
What? I'm sorry, I can't hear well.
I'm not at the demo-nstration.
I think I'm right in the middle of all this.
Hey, Rin! Where are you?
Student hunting!
I don't know why.
We aren't moving at all.
Anyway, the march stopped all of a sudden.


Sho....
Shouko!
Shouko!
That public security battalion...
Shouko, I just heard about this now.
Huh? A... *beep*


WHAT!?
I have to go!

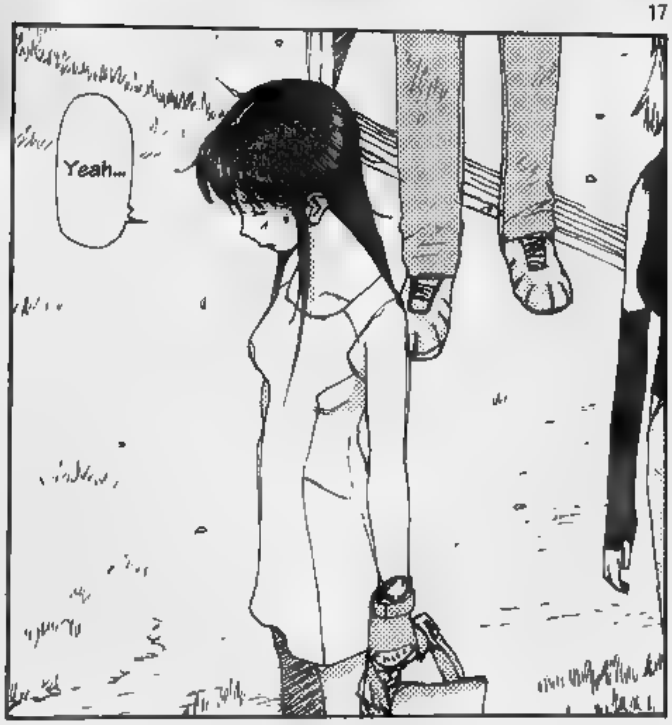
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I told you Rideback Club members can't participate in the demonstrations!
Calm down!
Even if something happened, it's too sudden to rush out!
Wa-wait!
Let me go! Please let me go!


.....!!
Come on! Those guys out there have 100 vehicles and more than 1000 riot police officers!

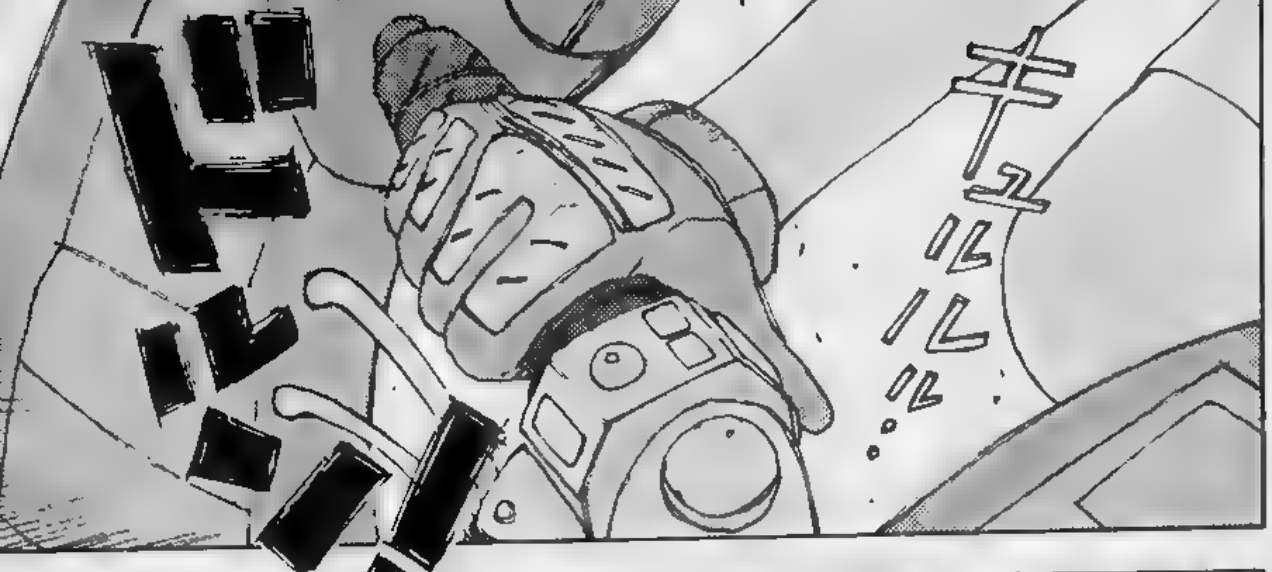

Unfortunately, it's probably too late to do anything.
There's nothing we can do.
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ス…
What can you do right now all by yourself?


Yeah...


Uh...

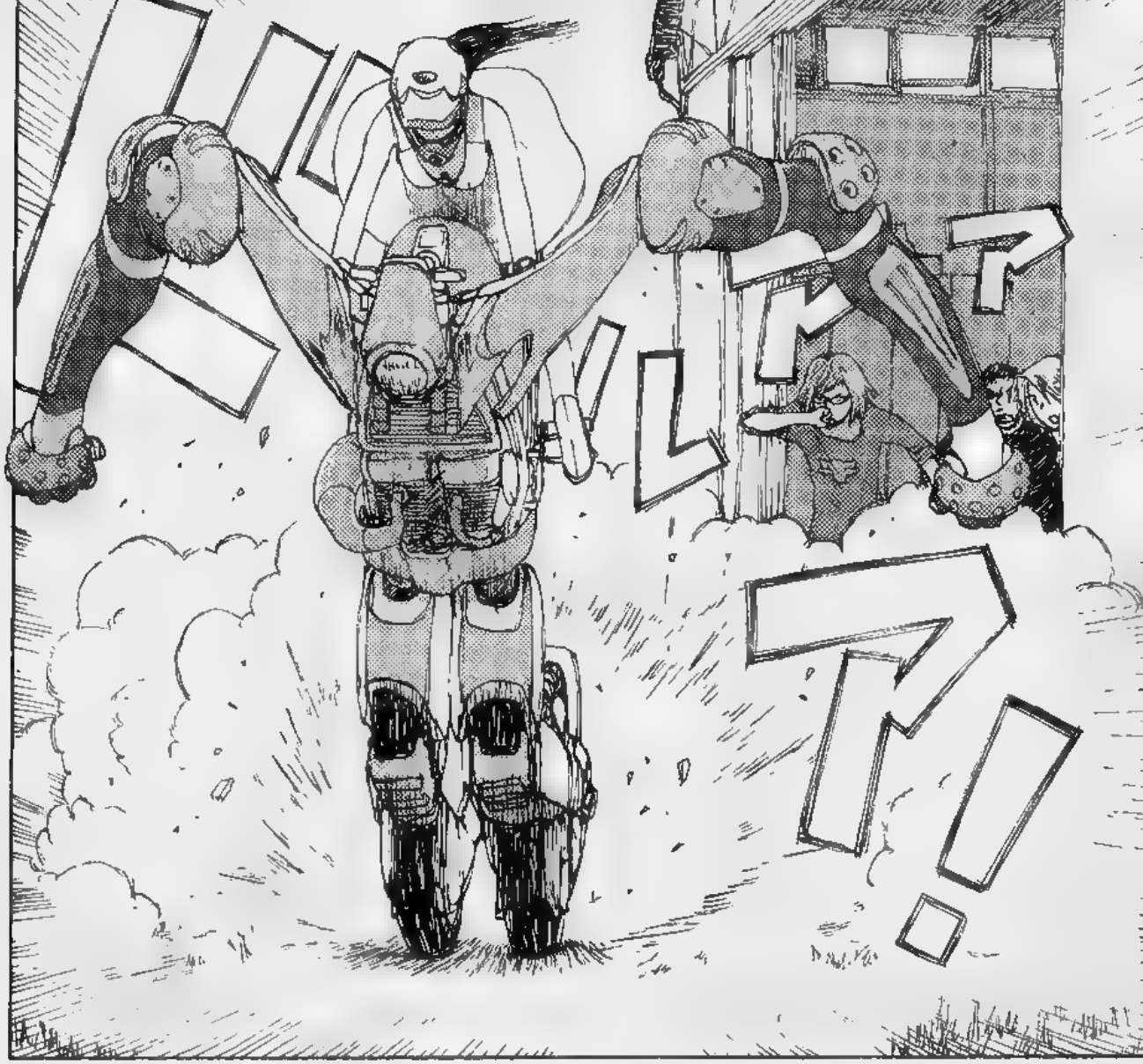

Hey!




Fuego!
Let's go,

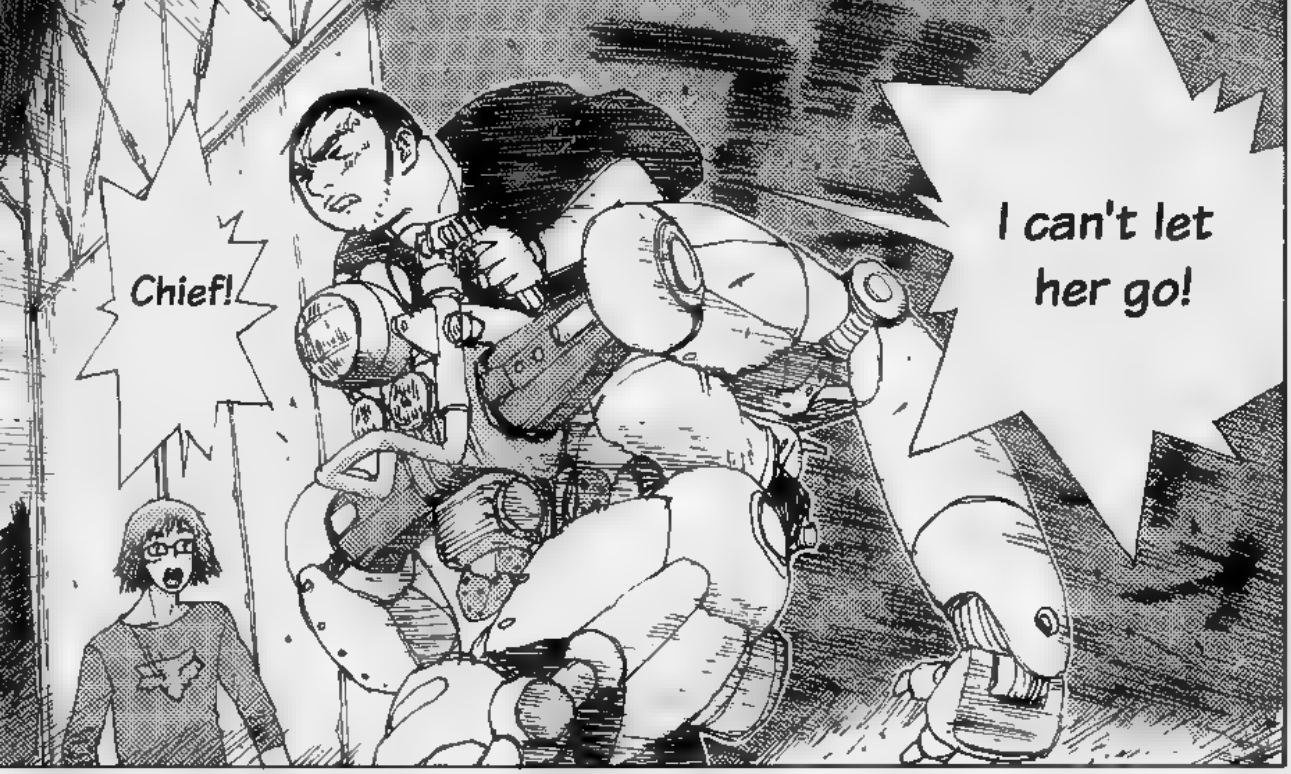

RIN!



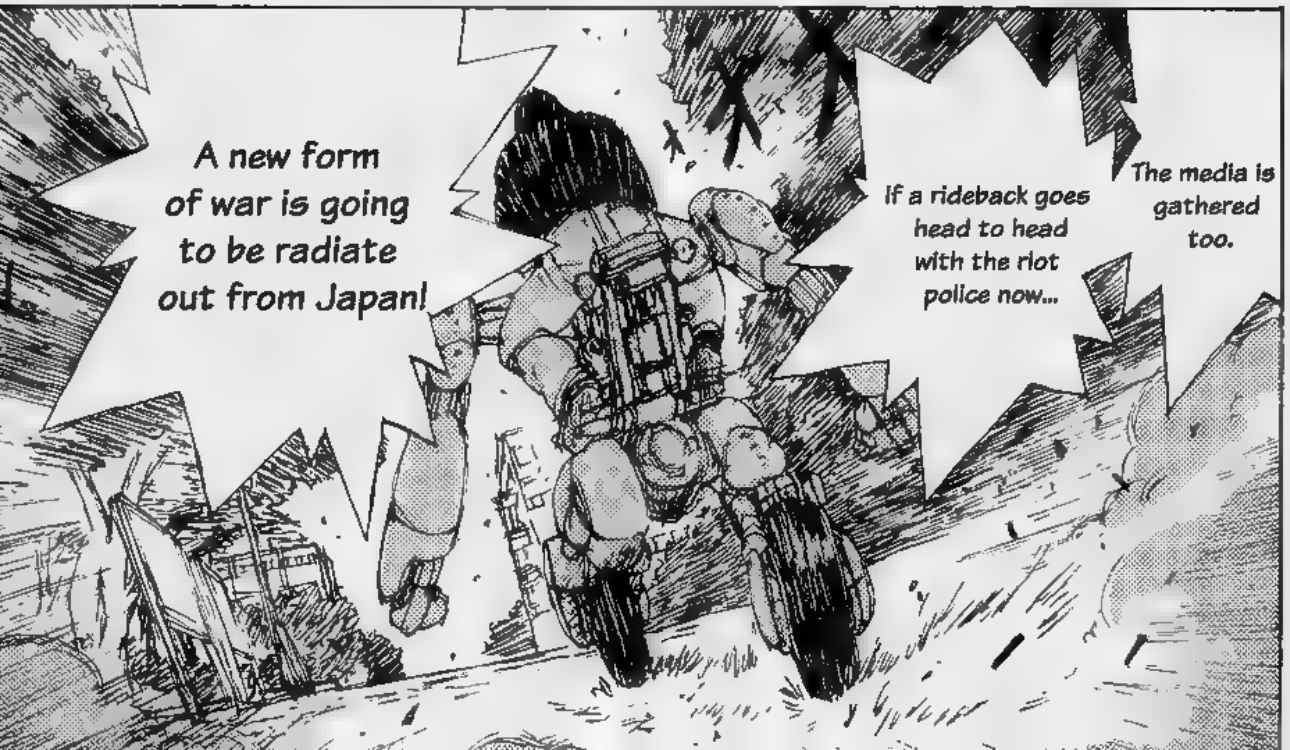


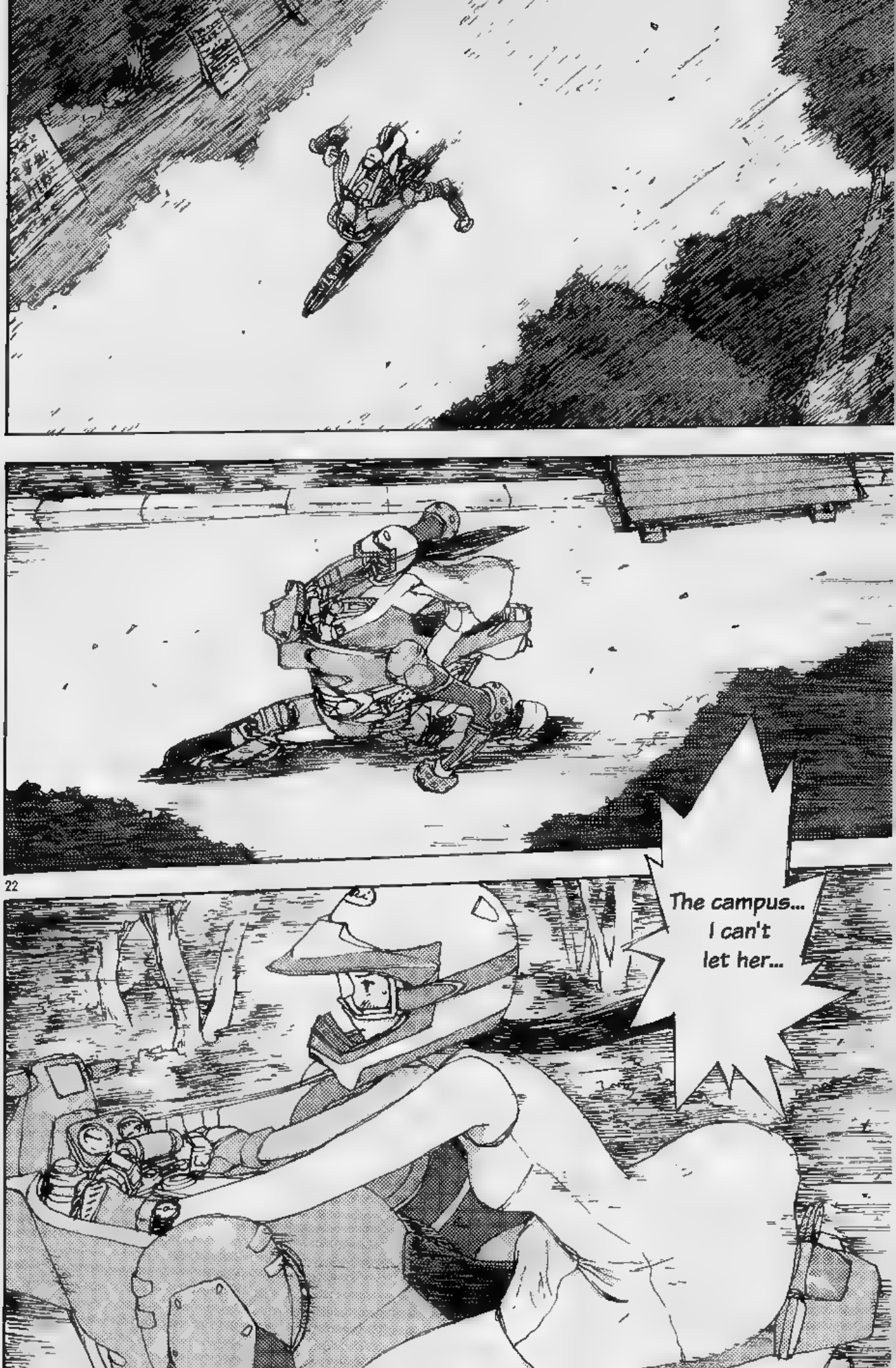
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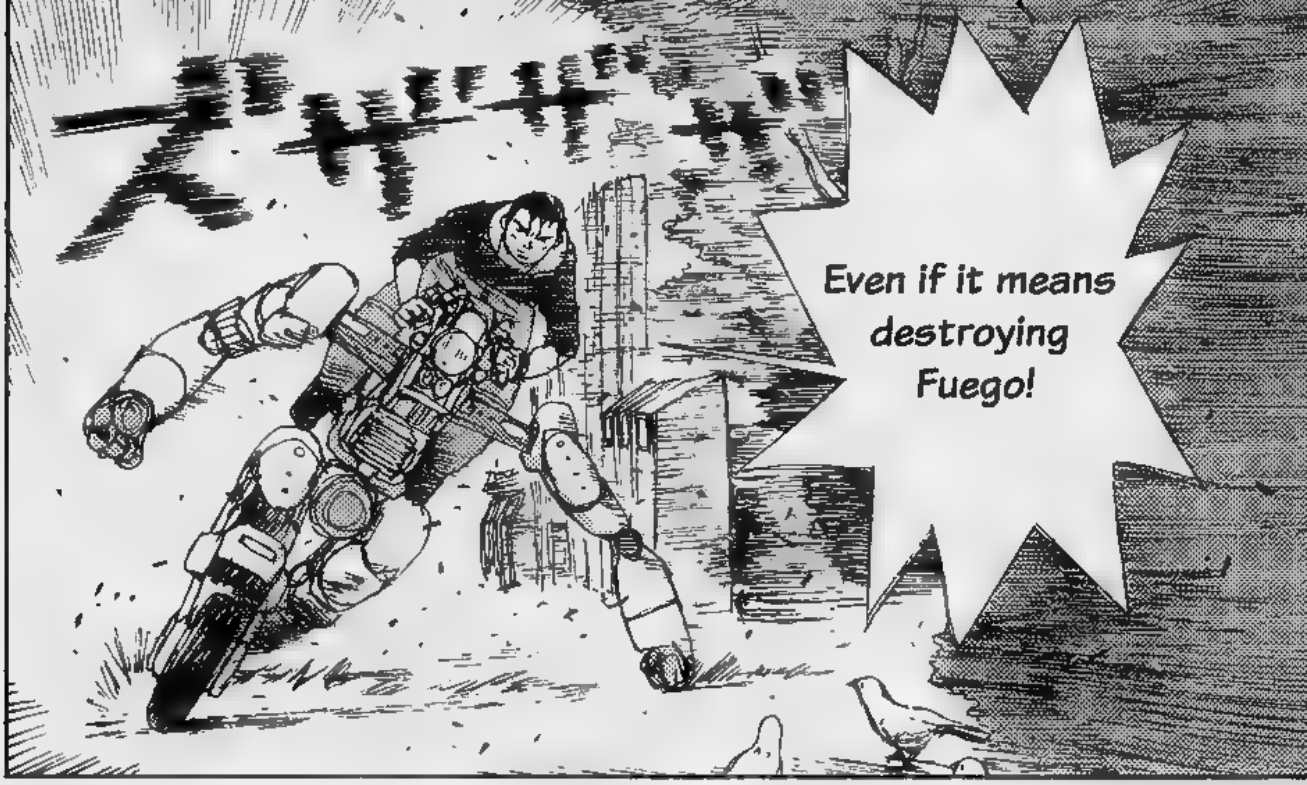

Chief!
I can't let her go!

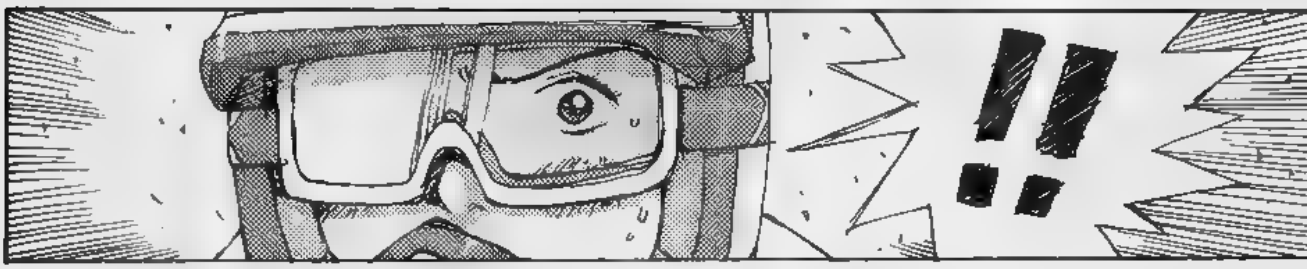

She's gonna stick out like a sore thumb on a rideback!
Damn idiot.

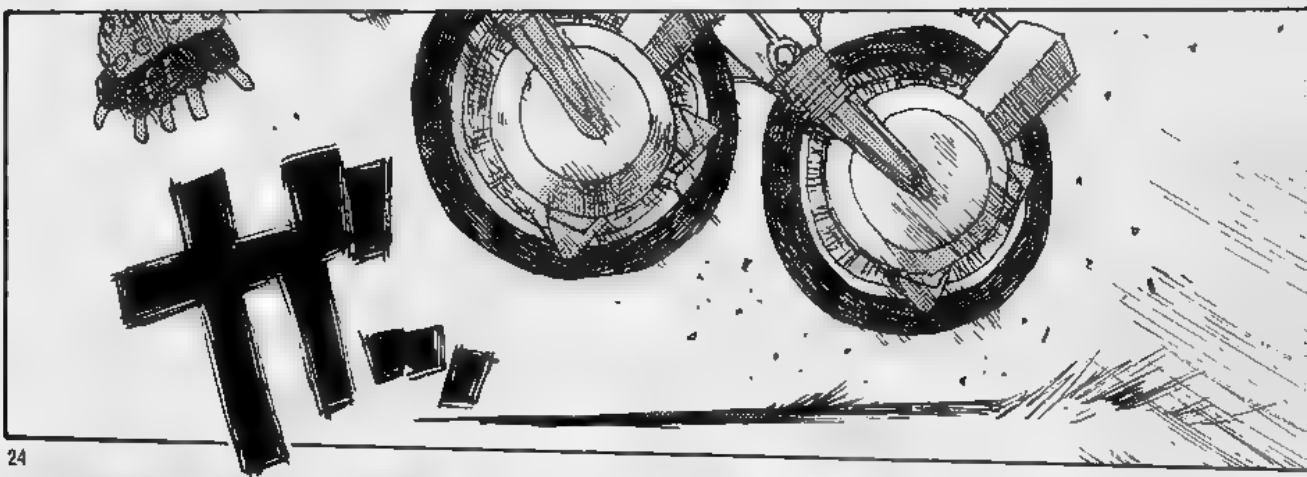

A new form of war is going to be radiate out from Japan!
If a rideback goes head to head with the riot police now...
The media is gathered too.


The campus... I can't let her...


I can't let her leave!


Even if it means destroying Fuego!


!!




You think you can jump past me!?


If you think you got the patent on mid-air battles, you're sorely mistaken!
What!?
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Assemblé de côté!
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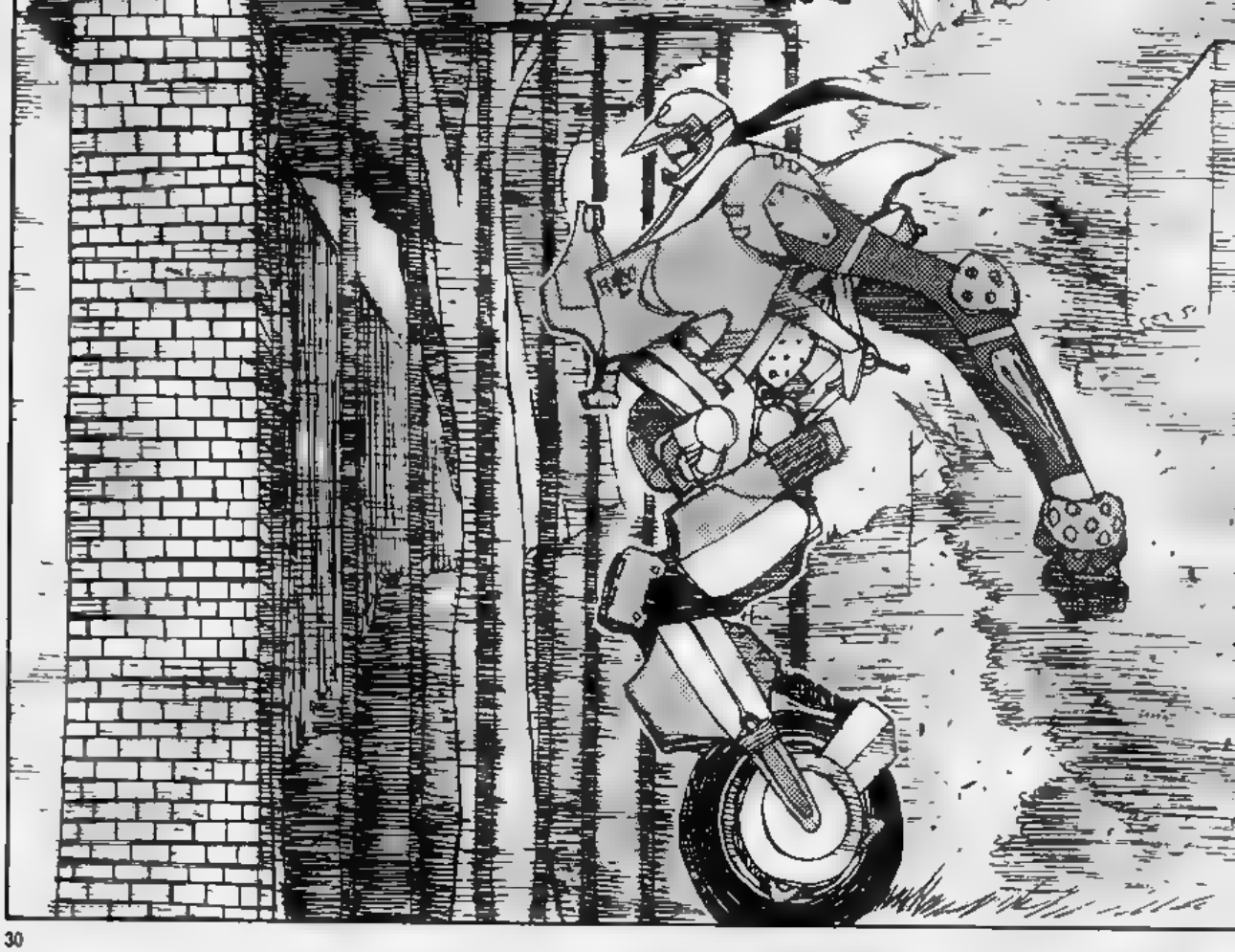

集結し、我が国土
脅威に対して大
執り行おう!!
先の事変に於いて旧国連軍に向けられた
銃口は今や世界のあらゆる国や地域に対して
全国自治会
連合大会
大門催!!
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She changed her trajectory in mid-air!
She...



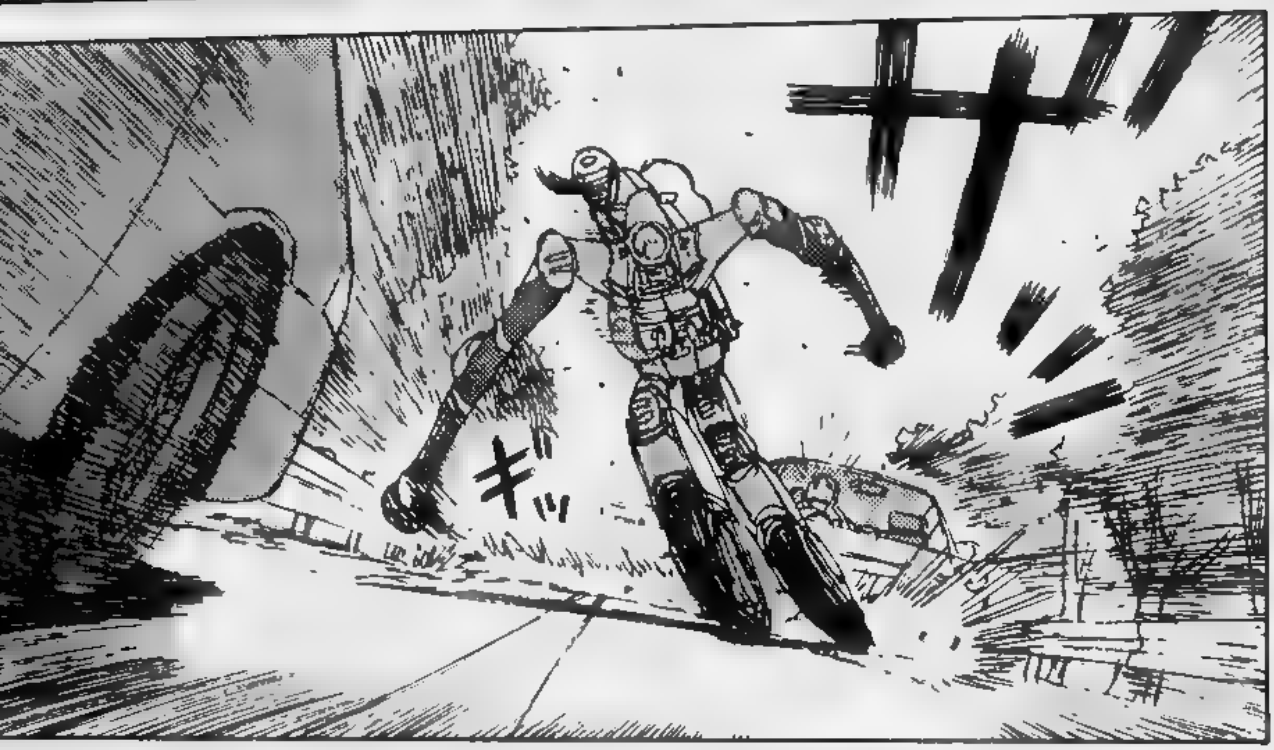


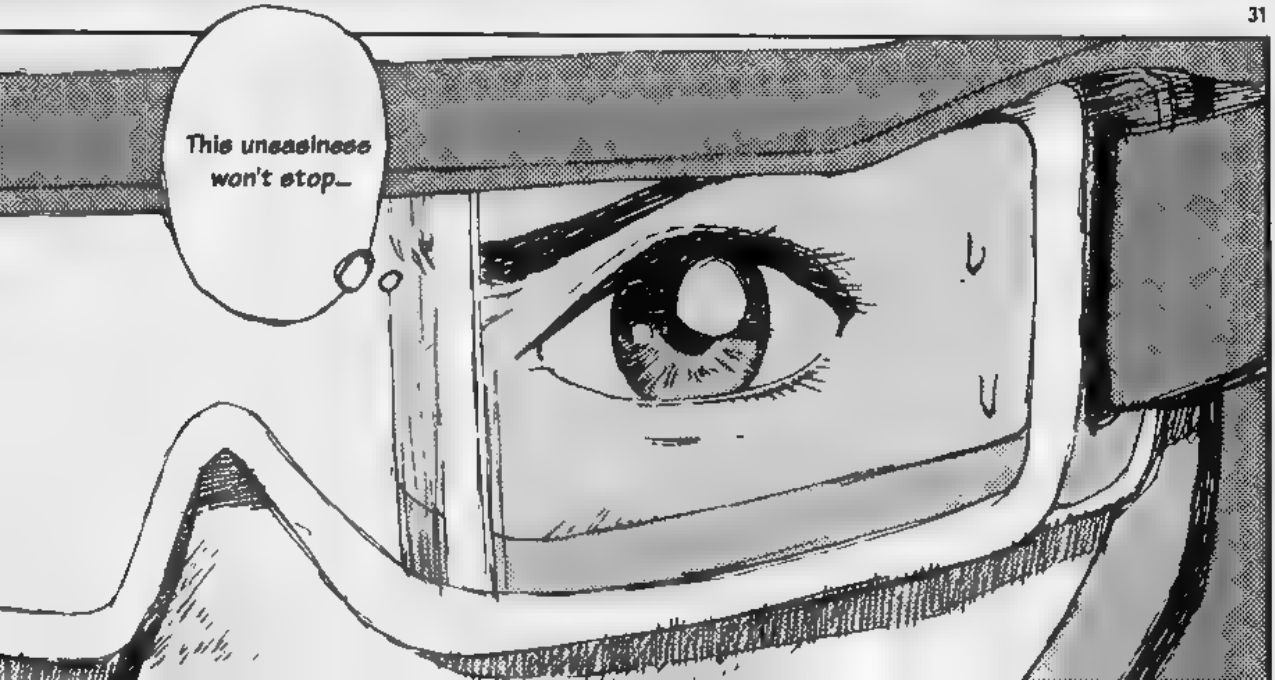







ガーッ!
カコン


キッ


This uneasiness won't stop...


RIDEBACK 1 -表-

RIDE BACK note

ライドバックノート

これは、本編『RIDEBACK』に登場する
マシン等の解説ページである。

このノートを参考にして、
物語を読み解く手がかりにされるもよし、
あやしげでいかがわしい箇所にツッコミを
入れられるもよし、
とにかく楽しんで頂けると、幸いである。

なお、このページはコミックスの原稿を
揃える期日直前に、イキアタリバッタリ作家・
カサハラテツローが思いついてわーっと描いた
シロモノなだけに、校正等のチェックが
及ばない部分も多々ある事が予想されるが、
その責任は全て作者・カサハラテツローが
負うものであって、担当編集者をはじめとする
スタッフらに及ぶものでない事を 一応付け加えておく。



「ライドバックとは」

「RIDE BACK」とは乗用関係自動車両のことである。操縦者を背負うように走行する事からRide on Back…ライドバックと呼称されている。

以下RB

「機構」

エンジンは主に液体燃料・カクテルをエネルギー源とする内燃機関、「カクテルエンジン」が採用されている。

カクテルとは、アルコールを主成分として、より燃焼効率を向上させ、環境への配慮を高めた化学合成燃料のことである。

カクテルエンジン以外にも、水素電池やガソリンエンジン等を使用したものもある。

「操縦」

操縦はその外見の通り、オートバイを運転する感覚と、かなり似ている。電子制御による様々な自動化で、むしろ簡単になっているとも言える。(作中でも描かれている通り、それは全くの初心者でも、ある程度扱えてしまう程である。)ただし、シンプルであるがゆえ、逆に奥深く、操縦者=ライダー次第で多彩な操作も可能にする。

操縦はアクセルやブレーキワークと音声による指示で操る「アルオートモード」と、あらかじめ組み込んだ画面の動作を、ハンドル基部のコントローラで操作したり、ギアシフトを足で制御したりなど、手動で操作する「セミオート」「マニュアルモード」など多段階で切り替えることができる。

それにより、より高度で複雑なRBの機能やライドを行うことができるようになる。

しかしRBは、人型という外観を持ってほまれた時から既にとても感覚的な乗り物であり、「最終的にライダーの可能性が模索されている。

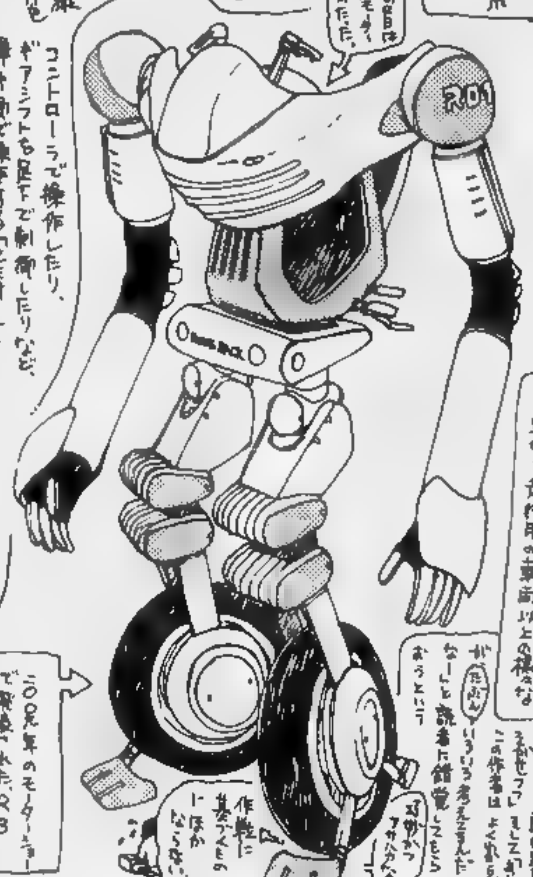
パーツは機械的電子的に制御された多数の関節によって構成されており、さらにサスペンションパーツを調整することで、いわば全身がバネの様に柔軟に動くことも、高速の弾丸の様に硬直させることも、操縦者次第というわけである。

乗り越えるなど RB特有の走行を可能にするものである。その為、通常人の手のように多機能的に動くことはない。ただし、アプリケーションを組み換えたり パーツも追加することで、カスタマイズされた様々な動きをさせることも可能だ。

そもそも掴めたり、あやとりもしたり

大雑把な話、いわゆるオートバイのような従来の二輪車とは、違う力で走り、運動性能で優る。

特に運動性能では従来の車両とは比べ物にならない、たった数倍的な動きが実現し、単なる走行用の車両以上の様々な



このように、イメージやコンセプトとした要素をもなのは、あまりにかわいいの姿で走るなんて、自信がなくなってしまう。それが動物にも「隠し事をされた」ように感じてしまう。この作者はよくわからないという考えなんだ

2002年のモーターショーで発表された、RB第一号機。
『R-01(アールゼロワン)』

セニアが大きくモノをつかむマシンであるのだ

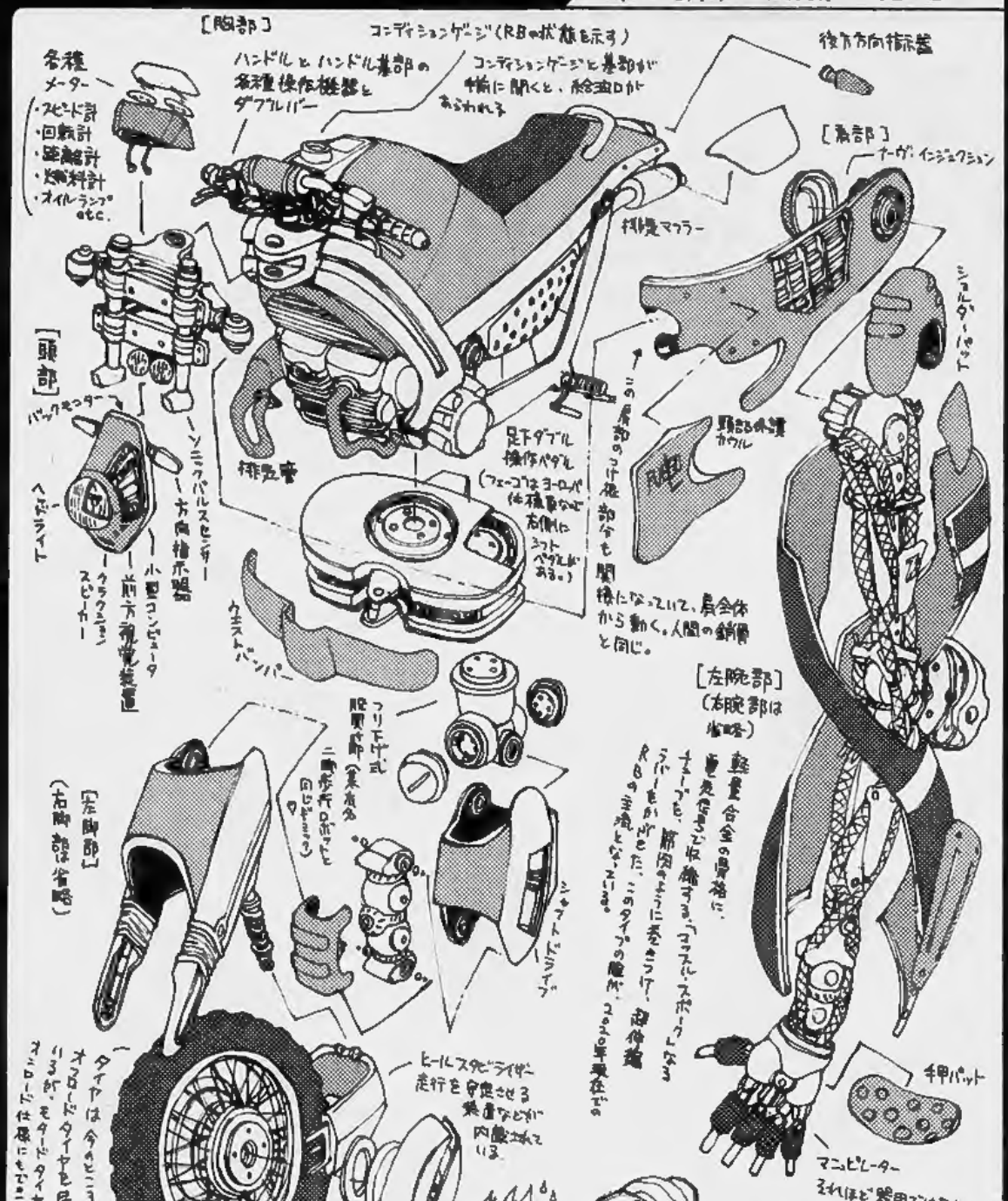
「歴史」

- 1987年　日本の車両メーカーによって本格的な二輪倒行技術の開発が始まる。
- 2000年　ジャイロバランサー制御二輪車、アメリカで発表。
- 2001年　人工筋肉で動く家庭用人型ロボットのプロトタイプがイギリスで開発される。
- 2003年　経済産業省(日本)による、人間協[redacted]共存型ロボットシステム研究開発の[redacted]終成果が発表される。
- 2007年　日本の車両メーカーにより人型機械の足の先に取りつけられた車輪で走行する、RBの原形が開発される。
- 2009年　モーターショーで最初のRB「R-01」が発表された。(上図参照)
  (この時から、この種の機体をRIDE BACKと呼称するようになる。)
- 2011年　一般市販車としてのRBが完成。
- 2012年　公道走行を認可された欧米を中心に、本格的な市販RBの生産が開始される。
- 2014年　東京大震災。
- 2015年　非公式ながら、アリゾナ戦役でRBが軍事目的に使用されたという証言が記録されている。
  世界各地で様々なRBレースが開催される。

「姿勢」

RBは「フォーム」と呼ばれる様々な姿勢をとることで、ライダーの乗降を助けたりスピードや安定性や運動性能を向上させたりすることができる。作中の「スタンディングフォーム」や「スプレッド・レグス・フォーム」がその例である。

RIDE BACK note 2. フェーゴ



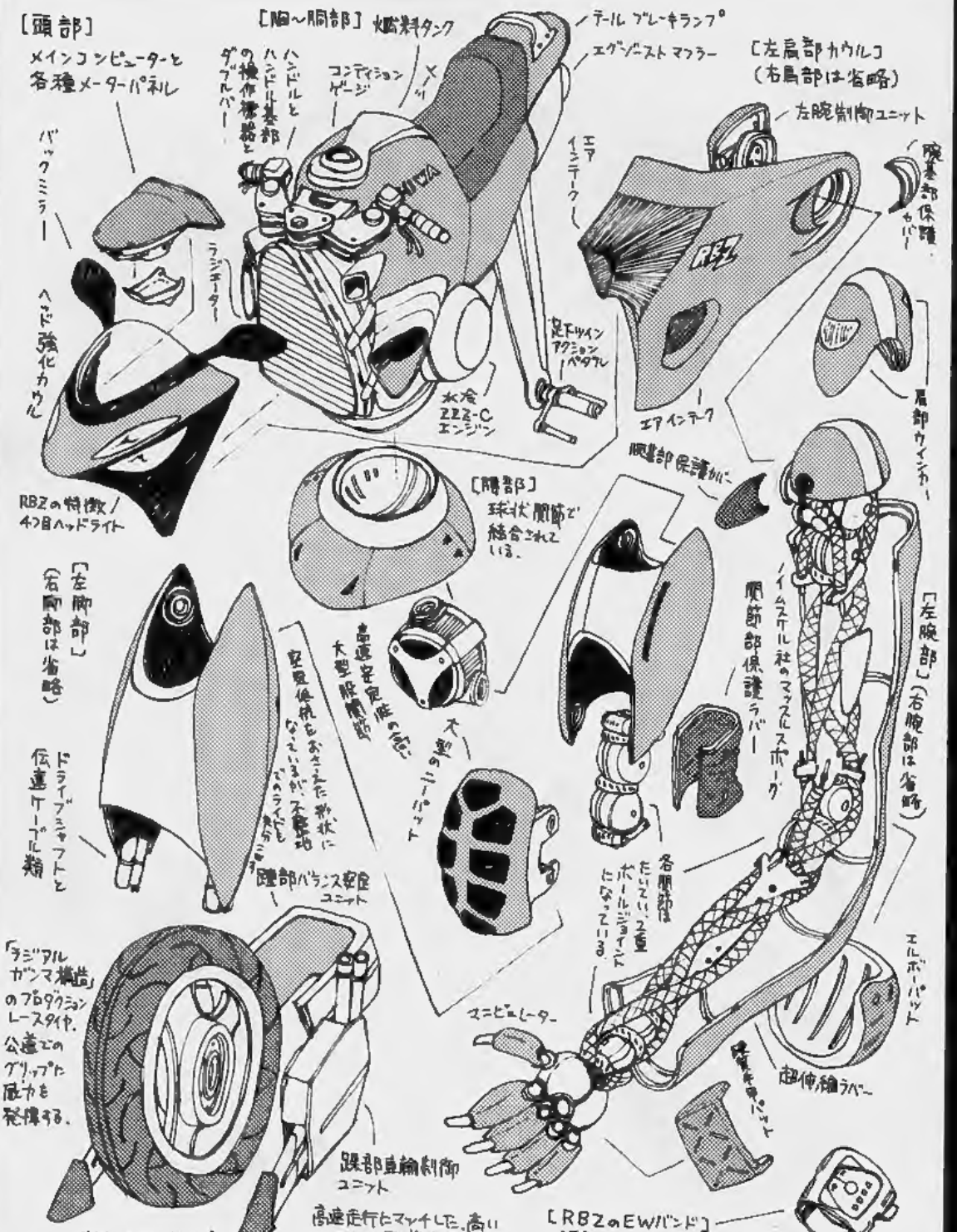
TERYAN KADURO

FUEGO type L

350ccクラス マウンテントレールRB

全高:2495mm
全長:1204mm
乾燥重量:228kg
全幅:1197mm
総排気量:348cc

RB市場の草分け的メーカーによる、最新マウンテントレールRB。ヨーロピアンRBグランプリのアクロバット・ライド部門で3連続優勝の実績を持つ。フェーゴには、2016年にデビューした、ノーマルタイプと2018年に発売されたタイプRなどもある。



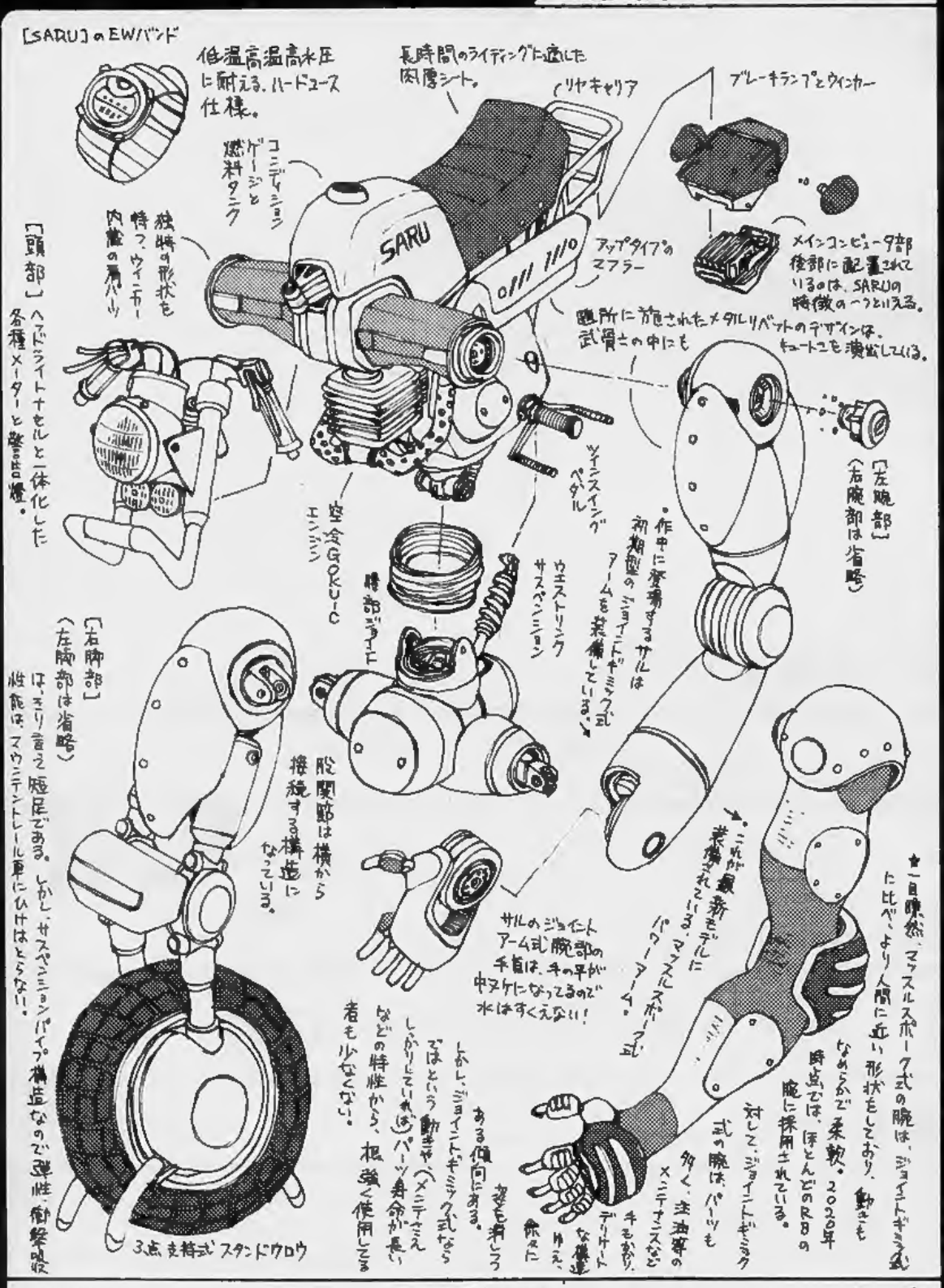
KASHIWA

RBZ400

400ccクラス スポーツツアラー

全高:2510mm	総排気量
全長:1167mm	:397cc
全幅:1198mm	
乾燥重量:264kg	

日本の老舗二輪メーカーのカシワが開発した、スポーツツアラータイプのRB。RB市場への参入は若干出遅れた感があったものの、蓋を開けてみれば、流石名門ブランドとうならせる完成度の仕上がりとなっている。2019年のアルパイン・カップで堂々の優勝を飾っており、専門家をはじめ、マニア注目の機体である。



HONOR

SARU

125ccクラス ライトトレッキング

全高:1784mm
全長:1251mm
全幅:1019mm
総排気量:124cc
乾燥重量 106kg

1967年に登場した個有名レジャーバイクの名車の流れを受け継いだ、ライトトレッキング"RB"。それがこのサルだ。コンパクトな中にも洗練されたギミックがギッシリつまっていて、完成度の高いRBである。カスタムパーツも豊富で、根強いハジリ好きも納得のアイテムとして、幅広い支持を受けている。

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